



## Timeline

<b>September 1939</b>	World War 2 began
<b>September 1940</b>	USA put in place economic sanctions against Japan, following Japanese invasion of Indochina
<b>7 December 1941</b>	Japanese aircraft attacked the US naval base at Pearl Harbour in Hawaii
<b>December 1941</b>	Japan declared war on the USA and Britain; declarations of war were exchanged between the USA and Germany / Italy
<b>June 1942</b>	Battle of Midway was a major defeat for Japan
<b>July 1944</b>	Moderate forces in the Japanese government looked for an end to the war
<b>October 1944</b>	Massive damage to the Japanese fleet inflicted at the Battle of Leyte Gulf
<b>June 1945</b>	Japanese surrendered in Okinawa; Hirohito wanted his ministers to discuss peace with the allies
<b>16 July 1945</b>	Atomic bomb successfully tested in New Mexico
<b>28 July 1945</b>	Japan refused a demand to surrender unconditionally
<b>6 August 1945</b>	Atomic bomb destroyed Hiroshima
<b>9 August 1945</b>	Atomic bomb destroyed Nagasaki; USSR declared war on Japan



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**10 August 1945**

Japan offered conditional surrender

**14 August 1945**

Truman accepted that Hirohito could remain as emperor and Japan surrendered