



WARS AND BATTLES



FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR

Symbolic of the rivalry in Europe, this war resulted in the temporary end to French land claims in North America

REVOLUTIONARY WAR

In this war the Americans won their independence from Great Britain and based ideas of government on the Social Contract.

LEXINGTON AND CONCORD

The first shots of the Revolutionary War were fired here.

SARATOGA

This was the turning point of the Revolutionary, as this victory convinced France to become an ally.

YORKTOWN

The British surrender came here, as Cornwallis was trapped between American forces and the French fleet.

WAR OF 1812

American victory in this war produced an American claim to the Oregon Territory and increased migration to Florida.

MEXICAN WAR

American victory in this war led to the acquisition of enormous territory, including California.

ALAMO

This battle, an American loss, became the focus of the Texas war for independence from Mexico.

CIVIL WAR

This war was fought to preserve the United States, as the Confederacy attempted to declare independence.

FORT SUMTER

This is where the first shots of the Civil War were fired.

ANTIETAM

The Union victory in this Civil War battle prompted Lincoln to issue the Emancipation Proclamation.

GETTYSBURG

This was the turning point in the Civil War as Lee lost so many troops he was forced back to protect Richmond

APPOMATTOX

This was the site where Robert E. Lee surrendered to Ulysses S. Grant, effectively ending the Civil War.

SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR

This war of imperialism resulted in gaining Puerto Rico, the Philippines, and Cuba became a protectorate.

WORLD WAR 1

The U.S. entered this war due to submarine warfare on American ships and to keep the world "safe for democracy".

WORLD WAR 2

This war began when Germany invaded Poland, but the U.S. did not get involved until a direct attack by Japan. The U.S. ended isolationist policies after this war.

STALINGRAD

The WW2 turning point on the Eastern Front, the Soviets repelled the Nazis forcing a retreat.

NORMANDY

D-day invasion of France by the Allies, opening a second front against Hitler in WW2.

PEARL HARBOR

The surprise attack on the U.S. Naval Base by Japan which prompted our entrance to WW2

MIDWAY

The WW2 turning point in the Pacific which started the U.S. campaign of Island Hopping.

IWO JIMA AND OKINAWA

Winning these battles gave the U.S. air bases close enough to bomb the mainland of Japan in WW2.

HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI

Dropping Atomic Bombs on these cities caused the surrender of the Japanese, ending WW2 and saving American lives.

EL ALAMEIN

The Allied victory here in WW2 saved the Suez Canal and access to Middle East Oil!

COLD WAR

This was a war of ideas, western style democracy vs. eastern communism and dominated U.S. policies for nearly 50 years.

KOREAN WAR

This war of containment in Asia started when the Communists crossed the 38th parallel- ended in a stalemate.

VIETNAM WAR

This war of containment in Asia lasted from 1954 to 1973, ending in a U.S. withdrawal and the nation became communist

BAY OF PIGS

This was the failed attempt by Cuban exiles to overthrow Fidel Castro, the communist leader of Cuba

CUBAN MISSILE CRISIS

The U.S. and the Soviet Union nearly went to direct war as the U.S. felt threatened by Soviet arms in Cuba.

PERSIAN GULF WAR

A military action where the U.S. and many other allies joined together to liberate Kuwait after it was taken over by Iraq

OPERATION DESERT STORM

The name for the attack on Iraq during the Persian Gulf War, it was the first time the U.S. used women soldiers in combat.

IRAQ WAR

The second engagement against Iraq, this time with the goal of ousting the government and replacing the dictatorship with a democracy, as well as to rid the country of weapons of mass destruction

AFGHANISTAN WAR

The military engagement for the U.S. to actively hunt and destroy international terrorist groups hiding and training in the mountains of Afghanistan