

PACIFIC WAR: WHO? WHAT? WHEN? WHERE? WHY?

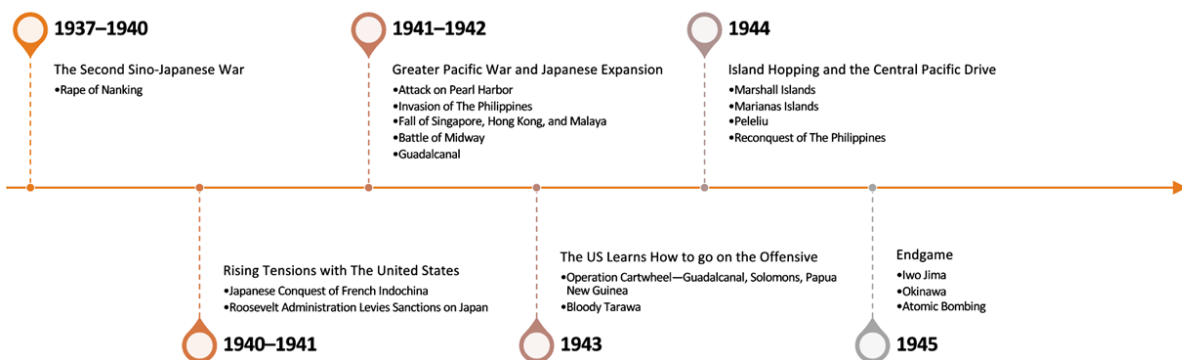
The Pacific War was more than Pearl Harbor and the atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

The Japanese Empire began its quest for dominance in Asia before the turn of the 20th Century, but by 1937 had started to openly conquer lands from neighboring China. At its height, the Emperor's dominion extended from the frozen Aleutian islands to the sweltering jungles of Guadalcanal, from the high seas around Midway island to the edge of the Himalya Mountains on the Indian Subcontinent—the Japanese Empire consumed nearly three million square miles and over 73 million people.

At the heart of this conquest was the desire of Japan to build the “Greater East Asian Co-Prosperity Sphere”, which would rebalance the colonial system of Asia with Japan as the new ruling power in the East. The Japanese ruled over their new empire with an iron fist, killing tens of millions of civilians in the name of their Emperor.

Arrayed against the Japanese were the Allied Powers—The Republic of China, The United States, Great Britain, the Dutch, and the commonwealth nations of Australia, New Zealand, and India. While these nations were initially surprised by the ferocity of the Japanese assault, they would eventually seize the initiative and start down the long, bloody road to eventual victory.

PACIFIC WAR: TIMELINE



- 1937-1940: **The Second Sino-Japanese War**
 - Rape of Nanking
- 1940-1941: **Rising Tensions with The United States**
 - Japanese Conquest of French Indochina
 - Roosevelt Administration Levies Sanctions on Japan

- 1941-1942: **Greater Pacific War and Japanese Expansion**
 - Attack on Pearl Harbor
 - Invasion of The Philippines
 - Fall of Singapore, Hong Kong, and Malaya
 - Battle of Midway
 - Guadalcanal
- 1943: **The US Learns How to go on the Offensive**
 - Operation Cartwheel—Guadalcanal, Solomons, Papua New Guinea
 - Bloody Tarawa
- 1944: **Island Hopping and the Central Pacific Drive**
 - Marshall Islands
 - Marianas Islands
 - Peleliu
 - Reconquest of The Philippines
- 1945: **Endgame**
 - Iwo Jima
 - Okinawa
 - Atomic Bombing