

# WWII Basics

Divide students into groups of five or six. Provide each group with a set of **battle** cards, **country** cards, and **leader** cards that contain one battle, country, or leader per 8.5x11 sheet of paper.

Allow students time to study the events/countries/leaders from notes you have given or use the “cheat sheet” below. After the study period, all groups will stand for three rounds of play.

Round one: Each group member will hold an events card, the teacher will use a large timer to have groups race against each other to put themselves (the events) in a chronological line (don’t tell students this will be a race for chronology, as they will “cheat” and begin prior to the timer starting). The group that is in order first, wins!

Round two: Each group member will hold a country card. When the teacher says “go” students will clump into the two sides, Allies and Axis Powers. The first group to correctly divide, wins! (one student can hold two countries if needed)

Round three: Students will each hold a leader card. When the teacher says “go” students will clump into the two sides, Allies and Axis Powers. The first group to correctly divide, wins!

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### Who vs Who

Allied Powers	Axis Powers
France (Charles de Gaulle) United States (Franklin Roosevelt) Great Britain (Winston Churchill) Soviet Union (Joseph Stalin)	Germany (Adolf Hitler) Japan (Hideki Tojo) Italy (Benito Mussolini)

### Course of Events

Hitler invades Poland → Battle of Britain → Pearl Harbor → Midway → Tehran Conference → D-Day → Battle of Bulge → Yalta → V-E Day → Potsdam Conference → Atomic Bombs used on Japan → V-J Day