

TIMELINE: BATTLES OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR

The battles here are presented along **chronological lines**, not according to locale.

<p>Battle: <u>THE INVASION OF POLAND</u></p>	<p>So What? <i>(Canadian Involvement / Significance / Interested Facts)</i></p>
<p>When: <i>September 1st, 1939</i></p>	<p><i>It started the Second World War.</i></p> <p><i>Blitzkrieg allowed the Germans to sweep through Poland with little resistance.</i></p> <p><i>Canada was not automatically obligated to go to war, but chose to do so a week after Britain's declaration.</i></p>
<p>Where: <i>Poland</i></p>	
<p>What: <i>The Germans invaded Poland using blitzkrieg tactics.</i></p>	
<p>Outcome: <i>Britain and France declared war on Germany. Canada's declaration followed a week later.</i></p>	

<p>Battle: <u>THE PHONY WAR</u></p>	<p>So What? <i>(Canadian Involvement / Significance / Interested Facts)</i></p>
<p>When:</p>	
<p>Where:</p>	
<p>Why was it called this?</p>	
<p>When did it end?</p>	

<p>Battle: <u>EVACUATION OF DUNKIRK</u></p>	<p>So What? <i>(Canadian Involvement / Significance / Interested Facts)</i></p>
<p>When:</p>	
<p>Where:</p>	
<p>What:</p>	
<p>Outcome:</p>	

<p>Battle: <u>BATTLE OF BRITAIN</u></p>	<p>So What? <i>(Canadian Involvement / Significance / Interested Facts)</i></p>
<p>When:</p>	
<p>Where:</p>	
<p>What:</p>	
<p>Outcome:</p>	

<p>Battle: <u>INAVASION OF THE SOVIET UNION</u></p>	<p>So What? <i>(Canadian Involvement / Significance / Interested Facts)</i></p>
<p>When:</p>	
<p>Where:</p>	
<p>What:</p>	
<p>Outcome:</p>	

<p>Battle: <u>PEARL HARBOUR</u></p>	<p>So What? <i>(Canadian Involvement / Significance / Interested Facts)</i></p>
<p>When:</p>	
<p>Where:</p>	
<p>What:</p>	
<p>Outcome:</p>	

Battle: <u>HONG KONG</u>	So What? <i>(Canadian Involvement / Significance / Interested Facts)</i>
When:	
Where:	
What:	
Outcome:	

Battle: <u>BATTLE OF MIDWAY</u>	So What? <i>(Canadian Involvement / Significance / Interested Facts)</i>
When: <p style="text-align: center;"><i>June, 1942</i></p>	<p><i>This marked a turning point in the Pacific Theatre.</i></p> <p><i>The American fleet sank the best units of Japanese naval aviation (aircraft carriers).</i></p> <p><i>The Japanese were on the defensive after this battle.</i></p>
Where: <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Midway Islands, north and west of Hawaii</i></p>	
What: <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Americans intercepted the Japanese fleet which was preparing to conquer these islands.</i></p>	
Outcome: <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Japanese were soundly defeated.</i></p>	

Battle: <u>DIEPPE</u>	So What? <i>(Canadian Involvement / Significance / Interested Facts)</i>
When:	
Where:	
What:	
Outcome:	

Battle: <u>BATTLE OF ALAMEIN</u>	So What? <i>(Canadian Involvement / Significance / Interested Facts)</i>
When: <i>October 1942</i>	<p><i>This victory was a turning point in the war. It was the first time the Allies had defeated the forces of the fascist countries.</i></p> <p><i>This victory prevented the Germans from seizing the Suez Canal.</i></p>
Where: <i>60 miles west of Cairo, North Africa</i>	
What: <i>The Germans and the Italians sought control of Egypt.</i>	
Outcome: <i>The British won in a decisive victory.</i>	

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Battle: <u>BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC</u>	So What? <i>(Canadian Involvement / Significance / Interested Facts)</i>
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Where:	
What:	
Outcome:	

Battle: <u>BATTLE OF STALINGRAD</u>	So What? <i>(Canadian Involvement / Significance / Interested Facts)</i>
When:	
Where:	
What:	
Outcome:	

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Battle: <u>THE ITALIAN CAMPAIGN</u>	So What? <i>(Canadian Involvement / Significance / Interested Facts)</i>
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Where:	
What:	
Outcome:	

Battle: <u>NORMANDY LANDING (D DAY)</u>	So What? <i>(Canadian Involvement / Significance / Interested Facts)</i>
When:	
Where:	
What:	
Outcome:	

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<p>Battle: <u>BATTLE OF LEYTE GULF</u></p>	<p>So What? <i>(Canadian Involvement / Significance / Interested Facts)</i></p>
<p>When: <i>October 1944</i></p>	<p><i>The Japanese introduced the kamikaze suicide technique: planes loaded with explosives would deliberately crash into an American ship.</i></p>
<p>Where: <i>The Philippines</i></p>	
<p>What: <i>The Americans took on virtually the whole Japanese fleet.</i></p>	
<p>Outcome: <i>The Americans sank one half of the Japanese fleet.</i></p>	

<p>Battle: <u>LIBERATION OF HOLLAND</u></p>	<p>So What? <i>(Canadian Involvement / Significance / Interested Facts)</i></p>
<p>When:</p>	
<p>Where:</p>	
<p>What:</p>	
<p>Outcome:</p>	

<p>BATTLE: NAGASAKI</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SO WHAT? <i>(Canadian Involvement / Significance)</i></p>
<p>WHEN:</p>	
<p>WHERE:</p>	
<p>WHAT:</p>	
<p>OUTCOME:</p>	

<p>BATTLE: HIROSHIMA</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SO WHAT? <i>(Canadian Involvement / Significance)</i></p>
<p>WHEN:</p>	
<p>WHERE:</p>	
<p>WHAT:</p>	
<p>OUTCOME:</p>	