

- C. Battle of Midway - June 1942
  - 1. Battle between U.S. vs. Japan -- U.S. wins
  - 2. Kamikazes were Japanese pilots who volunteered for suicide missions
    - a. they would crash their bomb-laden aircrafts into Allied bases and ships

## VIII. FDR dies

- A. Died of a heart attack
- B. Harry Truman, the Vice President of the U.S. will become President of the United States
- C. D-Day Invasion
  - 1. D-Day == called Operation Overlord -- June 6, 1944
    - a. Allied invasion of Normandy, France
    - b. Allies set day for June 5, 1944 but bad weather forced a 24 hr. postponement
    - c. Despite heavy German resistance the invasion was a great success
    - d. By August, 1944 Paris was a free city
    - e. Allies (US & Brit forces) were under the commander of General Dwight Eisenhower
- D. Victory over Germany -- Battle of the Bulge - Dec. 1944
  - 1. Sept. 1944 Allies attack Germany
  - 2. Hitler refused to surrender
  - 3. Battle of Bulge last German offensive in WWII
  - 4. Germany cut through the center of the American forces
    - a. creating a bulge in the Allied line of troops

5. May 7, 1945 Germany surrenders unconditionally
  6. Next Day May 8th called VE day -- Victory in Europe
  7. End to fascist dictators
    - a. Mussolini shot by Italian partisans
    - b. Hitler had committed suicide in his bunker under Berlin
- E. Victory over Japan -
1. Battles of Iwo Jima
  2. Battle of Okinawa
  3. Japan lost both battles
  4. July 26, 1945 U.S. issue another ultimatum to Japan to surrender & Japan still refused
  5. U.S. decided to use new weapons -- atomic bomb to end the war
  6. Truman decides to drop the bomb on Japan in order to save American lives
  7. August 6, 1945 Americans dropped first atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan
    - a. blast leveled more than 60% of city
    - b. Japanese still refused to surrender
  8. August 9, 1945 Americans dropped 2nd Atomic Bomb on Nagasaki, Japan
    - a. over 200,000 Japanese lost their lives in 3 days
  9. August 14, 1945, - Japan surrendered
    - a. Truman declared August 15 VJ day (Victory in Japan)
    - b. September 2, Japan officially surrendered