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Unit Eight: World War Two

During the 1930s, Hitler played on the hopes and fears of the Western democracies. Each time the Nazi dictator grabbed new territory, he would declare an end to his demands. Peace seemed guaranteed – until Hitler started to expand again. By October of 1939, both France and Germany had declared war on Germany and soon Europe was engulfed by war again. In 1941, attempting to carve out an empire, Japan attacked Pearl Harbor in Hawaii, bringing the United States into the war. This action would eventually change the course of the war as the United States became a major player.

In this unit, we will also explore the Holocaust, how the Allies won the war, and the eventual devastation of both Europe and Japan. We will study this unit in four main sections:

1. Hitler’s Lightning War
2. Japan Strikes the Pacific
3. The Holocaust
4. World War Two Ends