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Europe in the Second World War

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World War II represented the peak moment for mass mobilization, industrialized warfare, and racialized extremism. It integrated air, sea, and land combat as never before; moving faster and farther than any prior war. It changed the way people from every nation thought about themselves, their fellow citizens, and the states that governed them. It ushered in the atomic age; and set the stage for the Cold War, the United Nations, and the US-led coalition of democratic, capitalist nations that became ascendant in the 1990s. This class will dive deep into the history of the Second World War, to understand why it happened, how it unfolded, how it was experienced on the battlefield and the home-front, and how it has shaped our modern world.

