1939 – 1945

Put the Events in Order

Name _____ Date _____

These 10 events from the World War II timeline are out of order. Write a number from 1 to 10 in each box, from the earliest event (1) to the latest (10).

☐ **Germany Invades the Soviet Union**
Hitler breaks his alliance with Stalin and launches a massive invasion of the Soviet Union in June.

☐ **Fall of France**
Germany sweeps through Western Europe and conquers France in just six weeks.

☐ **Attack on Pearl Harbor**
Japan launches a surprise air attack on the US naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on December 7, killing more than 2,400 Americans.

☐ **Atomic Bombs on Japan**
The United States drops atomic bombs on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima on August 6 and Nagasaki on August 9.

☐ **Battle of Stalingrad**
Soviet forces encircle and destroy a massive German army during a brutal winter siege in southern Russia.

☐ **Battle of Midway**
The US Navy defeats Japan in a crucial Pacific battle in June, sinking four Japanese aircraft carriers.

☐ **V-J Day — Japan Surrenders**
Japan formally surrenders on the deck of the USS Missouri on September 2, ending World War II.

☐ **D-Day — Normandy Invasion**
Allied forces storm the beaches of Normandy, France, on June 6 in the largest seaborne invasion in history.

☐ **Germany Invades Poland**
Adolf Hitler sends the German army into Poland on September 1, launching World War II in Europe.

☐ **V-E Day — Germany Surrenders**
Germany surrenders unconditionally on May 8, ending the war in Europe.

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1942–43 — 6. Battle of Stalingrad

1944 — 7. D-Day — Normandy Invasion

1945 — 8. V-E Day — Germany Surrenders

1945 — 9. Atomic Bombs on Japan

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