



THE POSTWAR WORLD



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Enduring Understanding:

Each conference focused on preventing another war

Essential Questions:

1. What was the purpose of the declaration issued by the Allies at Potsdam?



Objectives



- ◆ Describe the aftermath of World War II and the founding of the United Nations

The Postwar World

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	Military Dead	Military Wounded	Civilian Dead
China	1,310,000	1,753,000	1,000,000+
France	213,000	4,000,000	350,000
Great Britain	264,000	277,000	93,000
Soviet Union	11,000,000	unknown	7,000,000+
United States	292,000	672,000	6,000
Germany	3,500,000	5,000,000	780,000
Japan	242,000	66,000	153,000
Italy	1,300,000	4,000,000	672,000

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- ◆ millions of people died
 - heaviest losses in Eastern Europe
- ◆ physical devastation
 - cities, villages, farms = destroyed
 - economies near collapse
- ◆ millions of people without homes

Planning for the Future

- ◆ Atlantic Charter
 - issued by Churchill & Roosevelt in July 1941
 - declared neither wanted more territory
 - declared both wanted world of peace
- ◆ Tehran, November 1943
 - Churchill, Roosevelt, & Stalin
 - agreed on plans for D-Day invasion
 - agreed to work together in peace after war

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“We shall seek the cooperation and active participation of all nations, large & small, whose peoples in heart and mind are dedicated...to the elimination of tyranny & slavery, oppression and intolerance. We will welcome them into a world family of Democratic Nations.”

-Declaration of the Three Powers,
December 1, 1943, Tehran

Yalta Conference, Feb. 1945

- ◆ Roosevelt, Churchill, & Stalin meet
- ◆ goal: agreement on postwar Europe
- ◆ certain leaders wanted certain things
 - Stalin wanted to keep territory in Eastern Europe & promised to respect democracy in those countries
 - Roosevelt wanted Stalin to join new world organization—United Nations

United Nations, June 1945

- ◆ similar to League of Nations (post-WWI)
- ◆ encouraged international cooperation & prevention of war
- ◆ US, Great Britain, France, Soviet Union, & China = UN Security Council
 - had more power than other member countries

Potsdam Conference, July 1945

- ◆ Truman, Churchill, & Stalin meet again
- ◆ Soviet Union & other Allies had been disagreeing
- ◆ discussed issues concerning postwar Europe
 - difficulty reaching agreement



Soviet Plans

- ◆ Roosevelt & Churchill worried about Stalin's plans in Eastern Europe
- ◆ didn't want communism/Soviet influence to spread
- ◆ WWII ended, but another struggle was about to begin