

War in the Pacific



Battle of Midway

- Americans broke the Japanese radio code & caught them by surprise.
- Japan loses 4 aircraft carriers to our 1
- U.S. Navy defeats the Japanese
- Major turning point for the U.S.
- U.S. adopted island hopping strategy & slowly worked their way to Japan.

Island-hopping

- U.S. (Allied) forces used this as a base to attack other important Japanese target in the Pacific.
- Selected islands that U.S. would secured to get closer to Japan.

Navajo Code Talkers

- U.S. military used Navajo Indians to send coded/secret radio message.
- Japanese never able to break the coded messages.



Battles of Iwo Jima & Okinawa

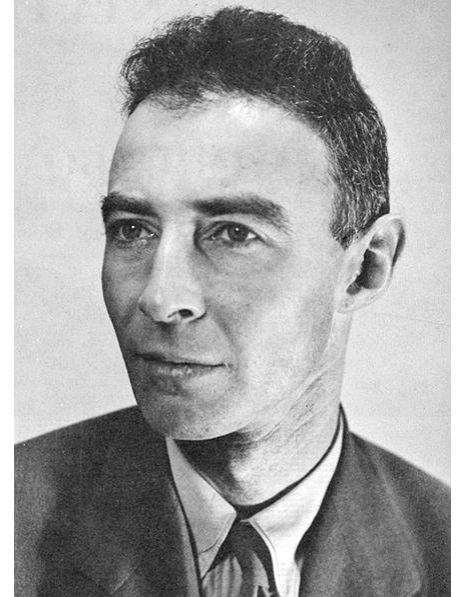
- U.S military able to take these 2 islands at a high cost
- provided air bases for the U.S. to bomb the Japan.



Atomic Bomb

- **Manhattan Project** was the U.S.'s secret program to build an atomic bomb.
- **J. Robert Oppenheimer** -lead scientist
- 3 years to develop a working bomb.

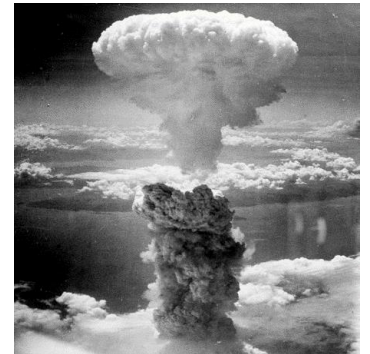
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A-bomb Decision

Drop the atomic bomb

- Invasion of Japan would be too costly (loss of U.S. lives).
- Intimidated the Soviet Union – stay out of the war in the Pacific.
- President Harry Truman -warned Japan to surrender
- 1st bomb dropped on **Hiroshima**
- 2nd bomb dropped on **Nagasaki** 3 days later



VJ Day

Victory in Japan

- Aug. 14, 1945, Japan accepts the U.S.'s terms for surrender.
- Supreme Allied Commander in the Pacific, Douglas MacArthur accepted the surrender

