



1938

On Kristallnacht, “The Night of Broken Glass”, Nazis terrorized Jews in Germany and Austria by destroying their businesses and synagogues.

All Jewish children are moved to Jewish schools.

1940

Nazis begin deporting German Jews to Poland, and Jews are forced into ghettos.

Nazis begin the first mass murder of Jews in Poland.

1944

D-Day – the Americans land in Normandy, France.

1946

In Nuremberg, Germany Nazi leaders are tried for war crimes, even though several leaders have either escaped or committed suicide.

1939

Germany takes over Czechoslovakia and invades Poland.

WWII begins as Britain and France declare war on Germany.

1941

Germany breaks its nonaggression pact and invades the Soviet Union; this is the biggest military mistake Hitler could have made.

The United States enters the war after the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor.

1945

Hitler is defeated and WWII ends in Europe.

The Holocaust is over, and the death camps are emptied. Many Jewish survivors are placed in displaced persons facilities.

Hitler commits suicide.

1947

A Jewish homeland, The State of Israel, is established by the United Nations.