

# Causes of WWII

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## Newspaper articles

**Wikipedia, free encyclopedia,**

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Causes\\_of\\_World\\_War\\_II](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Causes_of_World_War_II)

This encyclopedia is a secondary source. Some of the main points of this article are that Nationalism, Militarism, and territorial issues are some of the underlying causes of WWII. Some of the causes of the war in Europe had to do with the treaty of Versailles, WWI, The great depression, Anti – Semitism and also the Russian revolution. This website gives overall views on what were causes of the war in Asia, Europe and the U.S. This source is intended for all audiences especially students who would like to learn about WWII. This source was useful in that it gave causes of the war on all sides and that was very useful.

**“U.S. and Japan At War.” *Bangor Daily News* 8 December 1941: 1-4**

This article is a secondary source. The main ideas of this article are that it is explaining the reaction that the U.S. had when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. This source also shows how the president reacted by him asking Congress to declare war. This sources intended audience is for all people. This site explains what happened and the expected outcome. This site was very useful because it gave information on what had happened at Pearl Harbor and inevitable what caused the U.S. to enter WWII.

**“Proclamation of War.” *The Globe and Mail*, 9 November 1939**

This article is a secondary source and the main ideas of this article is that war has been announced and that certain boundaries have been crossed. This article states some of the things that the Germans have been doing and mostly what has been going on in Europe. This source is intended for all ages and it gives an actual article signed by many of the important people in the U.S. at the time. This site was not as useful as some of the other sites for newspapers and information on the causes of WWII.

**“The War Reviewed.” *The Toronto Daily Star* 5 July 1945.**

This article is a secondary source and this article was very useful in that it showed how the war after four years was reviewed and new probabilities for the outcome were brought to the president’s attention. This article is mainly for students because it relates to topics that we are studying. This site was useful in that it showed how congress reviewed the war and looked for other probabilities.

## **Movies about WWII**

**Band Of Brothers. Mark Cowen, William Richter. DVD. HBO, 2002.**

This movie was a great help for developing reasons that the U.S. entered WWII and how it was fought. This is a secondary source and this movie is intended for some audiences but mainly for learning purposes. This movie was very helpful. P.S. This film might not be suitable for children.

**Saving Private Ryan. Steven Spielberg. Robert Rodat. DVD, DreamWorks, 2004.**

This movie is a secondary source and also was a great use for information. This movie was very useful in telling why the U.S. entered WWII. This movie would be great for any teenage viewing. It was a great source of information and very useful. P.S. this film might not be suitable for children.

## **Web Sites about the causes of WWII**

**Wal\*Mart. World War II Radio Broadcasts Vol.1. 2/28/05.**

[http://www.walmart.com/catalog/product.gsp?dest=999999997&product\\_id=861748&sourceid=1500000000000001827180](http://www.walmart.com/catalog/product.gsp?dest=999999997&product_id=861748&sourceid=1500000000000001827180)

This website is a secondary source because you can listen to some of the music that was recorded during World War II. This website contains an album that you can buy that has some songs that were recorded during World War II. Some of the artists are well known; for example, Elvis. It also has live radio broadcasts from the time period. I'm guessing that this web page was intended for people of all ages because anyone who wants to listen to that kind of music can go to it and listen. It is a semi-useful source.

**Ron. A British Soldier Remembers. 11/22/00. 2/28/05.**

<http://www.geocities.com/Pentagon/9656/music.htm>

This website is a secondary source because you can look at the lyrics of the songs on the page. The main idea of this page is that you can find songs by British soldiers in WWII. You can listen to audio clips, and look up the lyrics. It also has some cartoons. This page is intended for people of all ages. The usefulness of this webpage is actually pretty good because you get the not just the US soldier point of view, but the British Soldier's point of view.

**The Library, University of California, Berkeley. War and War-Era Movies. 2/17/05. 2/28/05. <http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/MRC/Warfilm.html#wwII>**

This webpage is a secondary source. The main idea of this page is that it lists the movies that were made in WWII and other wars. So you can go to this site and find some neat movies about the war or whatnot. This webpage is intended for people of all ages. The usefulness of this webpage is pretty good because you can look at the movies and read a description of the movie on the page.

**Jo Davidsmeyer. WWII Movies VHS Tapes and DVDs. 4/3/04. 3/4/05.**

<http://www.jodavidsmeyer.com/combat/bookstore/videos.html>

This webpage is a secondary source. The main idea of this page is that it tells you about movies that were made recently and during WWII. The movies are about battles in WWII and the causes of World War II. This site is intended for people of any age. The usefulness of the site is pretty good because it gives you a description of the movies.

### **Magazine articles about the causes of WWII**

**“Navy’s View of Pearl Harbor: Catastrophe Through Errors” *US News and World Report* 11 January 1946.**

This is a secondary source. This article was mainly about how the United States army looked back and saw the mistakes that they made leading up to the attack on Pearl Harbor. Looking back, today we can see the little overlooked clues that the army dismissed at the time. This article was directed to the public to get the views of the army spread out into the country. This source was very useful.

**“Why Japan Attacked Pearl Harbor” *US News and World Report* 31 August, 1956**

This source is a secondary source. This article was explaining Japan’s reasons for attacking Pearl Harbor. It was an interview between a reporter and Shigernori Togo, the wartime foreign minister of Japan. The article was intended for American citizens, to give them a little bit of closure. It was a very useful source.

**“Blueprint for Pacific Security” *The United States News* 24 August, 1947**

This source is a secondary source. This article was about official views of bases that the United State should hold in the war. This article was made for Americans, in hopes for further explaining the war to them. This source was useful.

**“Russia in Trouble” *US News and World Report* 13 July, 1945**

This was a secondary source. This article was about revolts that were happening and the fear that they were causing the Russians. This article was made to further the citizens knowledge on the war. This source was very useful.

**“The President’s Message” *The United States News* 10 December, 1941**

This is a secondary source. This article was a summary of the President's message about the war and how he intended to go about it. He explained Pearl Harbor and how he planned to take action. This article was told to the United States citizens. This was a useful source.

## **Books and websites about Causes of WWII**

### **“Encyclopedia.com”, Website.**

[http://www.encyclopedia.com/html/section/WW2\\_CausesandOutbreak.asp](http://www.encyclopedia.com/html/section/WW2_CausesandOutbreak.asp)

This is a secondary source. This site discusses the causes and outbreak of WWII. It recaps the events in chronological order from the beginning of WW11 to the very end. It also contains bibliographies of other books and sites containing similar information. This site is intended for all ages. This is a great site for research.

### **“The History Place: World War Two in Europe”, Website.**

<http://www.historyplace.com/worldwar2/timeline/ww2time.htm>

This is a secondary source. This site provides an actual timeline of the events of WWII. This timeline starts with the ending of WWI and continues all the way until the birth of the United Nations. This site is intended for anyone looking for a concise order of events and is very useful.

### **“Causes of World War Two”, Website.**

<http://www.freewebs.com/wwtwoject/>

This is a secondary source. This site contains in depth analysis of three major causes of WWII. These three causes are the Treaty of Versailles, the failure of peace efforts, and the rise of dictatorships. This site also provides bibliography information to other sources of information on this topic. This is a good site for research purposes.

### **“Causes and outbreak”, Website.**

<http://www.infoplease.com/ce6/history/A0862008.html>

This is a secondary source. This site provides information on the causes of WWII. It describes all the events leading up to the start of WWII in 1939. This is a very good site for anyone looking to research world war two.

### **“Causes of the Second World War”, Website.**

[http://web.ask.com/redirect?url=http%3a%2f%2fwww.guhsd.net%2fmcdownell%2fwh%2funit8%2fCauses\\_of\\_WWII.html](http://web.ask.com/redirect?url=http%3a%2f%2fwww.guhsd.net%2fmcdownell%2fwh%2funit8%2fCauses_of_WWII.html)

This is a secondary source. This site provides long term and short-term events in bullet form of the causes of WWII. This website is very useful for anyone looking to find more information on world war two and its causes.

**Crozier, Andrew. *The Causes of the Second World War*. Malden, Massachusetts, Blackwell Publishers Inc., 1997.**

This is a secondary source. This is a non-fiction book about the causes of world war two. This book starts with the rise of Germany and Japan and the decline of Great Britain, and it ends with the interpretations and changing views. This is a great book for anyone looking to broaden their knowledge on world war two and its causes.