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(1939-1945)

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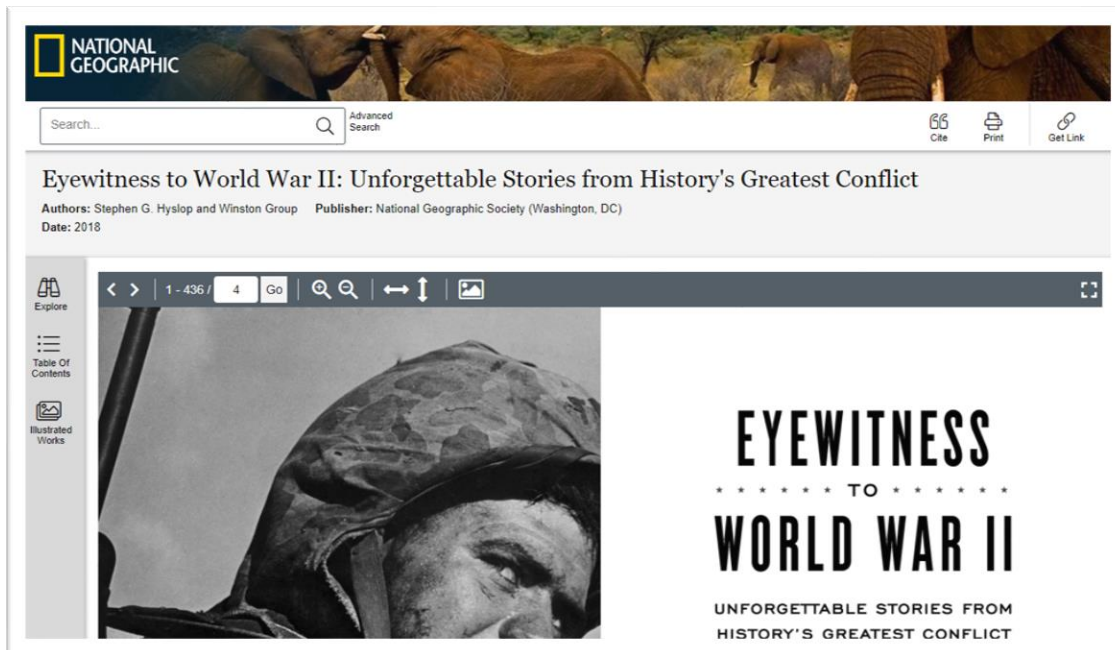
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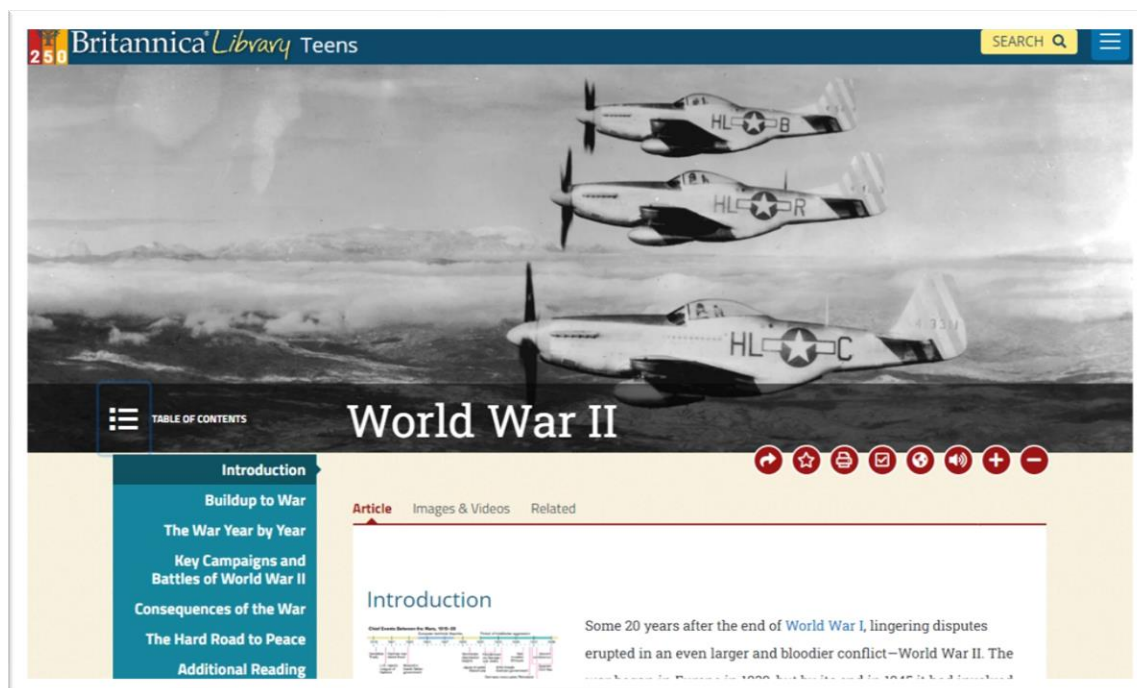


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The Virtual Library of [National Geographic](#) has magazine articles, books and more on World War II.



The [Britannica Library](#) has articles, images, videos, primary sources, eBooks and more on World War II with a selection of resources especially for teenagers.



[Oxford Reference](#) has a helpful, searchable online encyclopedia on World War II.

The screenshot shows the Oxford Reference website. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links like 'About', 'News', 'Subscriber Services', etc. The main header features the 'Oxford Reference' logo and a search bar. Below this, a teal navigation bar contains 'Subject' and 'Reference Type' dropdowns, along with 'My Content (3)' and 'My Searches (0)'. The main content area is titled 'The Oxford Companion to World War II'. It includes a book cover image, the editors 'I. C. B. Dear and M. R. D. Foot', and a description of the work. A 'BIBLIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION' section lists the publisher (Oxford University Press), ISBNs, and publication dates. To the right, there's a biographical note about the editors. At the bottom, there's a 'Signed in as: State Library of Queensland' section and a navigation bar with 'ALL CONTENTS' and 'ENTRIES' tabs, followed by an alphabetical index.

Maps

State Library provides access to online [maps of World War II](#).

Featured Map

The screenshot shows a digital map titled 'World War II, Pacific Theater, 1941-1945' from the Ebook Central platform. The map displays the Pacific region, including East Asia, Southeast Asia, and the Pacific Ocean. Red arrows indicate military movements and key events: the attack on Pearl Harbor, the advance into Manchukuo and China, the capture of Hong Kong, the Battle of Okinawa (April-June 1945), and the capture of Iwo Jima (February 1945). Other locations marked include Saipan, Tinian, and Guam. The map is presented within a digital interface with a sidebar on the left showing search results and download options.

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What of Germany? Do the people echo
the sentiments of Hitler, Goering,
Goebbels and the
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Australia At War

Yesterday came the dreaded news—Great Britain had declared war on Germany, having honored her pledge to Poland, which country was attacked by the most ruthless and bloody-minded international bully of all time.

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Japan Guarantees Her Neutrality to England.

New York

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Adolf Hitler

Date: Wednesday, May 2, 1945 Publication: The Times (London, England)
Issue: 50132

Explore

Nazi Germany over the world. The process was continuous, and the methods were the same. Hitler effected the triumph of the Nazi Party in Germany by a mixture of deceit and violence; he then employed the same devices to destroy other nations. From the time he became master of Germany he made lies, cruelty, and terror his principal means to achieve his ends; and he became in the eyes of virtually the whole world an incarnation of absolute evil.

Hitler was unimpressive to meet on informal occasions, but became transformed when he was face to face with a crowd, especially if it was an audience of his followers. He would speak to them like a man possessed and give the appearance of utter exhaustion when his speech was over. His speeches betrayed few if any original ideas, and even his belief in the suggestive power of repetition scarcely justified the repetitions of past history with which most of his public orations were overlaid. He was, however, a propagandist of the first order, and his uncannily subtle and accurate understanding of the mind of his own people was the ultimate source of his power for evil.

CHANCELLOR AT LAST

REICHSTAG FIRE

It was a critical moment. Hitler, who had borne the recent setbacks with surprising calm, now lost heart. "If the party breaks up," he confided to Goebbels, "I'll end matters with my pistol in three minutes." Schlimm indeed seemed imminent. But Strasser himself spoiled the scheme. He dabbled and hesitated. The discussions were deferred, and before they could be resumed Schleicher had fallen. The tables had been suddenly turned by von Papen, who in January made an alliance with Hitler in order to overthrow Schleicher. The Nazi leader, whom he regarded as humbled by recent ill-fortune, was to be Chancellor and be himself Vice-Chancellor, with a majority of non-Nazi colleagues, the good will of the President, and, he confidently hoped, the real power. The plan took shape, and on January 30, 1933, Adolf Hitler was formally invested with the seals of office as Reichskanzler.

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The Illustrated London News

Date: Saturday, May 12, 1945 Publication: The Illustrated London News (London, England)
Volume: 206, Issue: 5534

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SOME OF THE MILLIONS OF GERMAN PRISONERS—A GREAT PROBLEM.

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