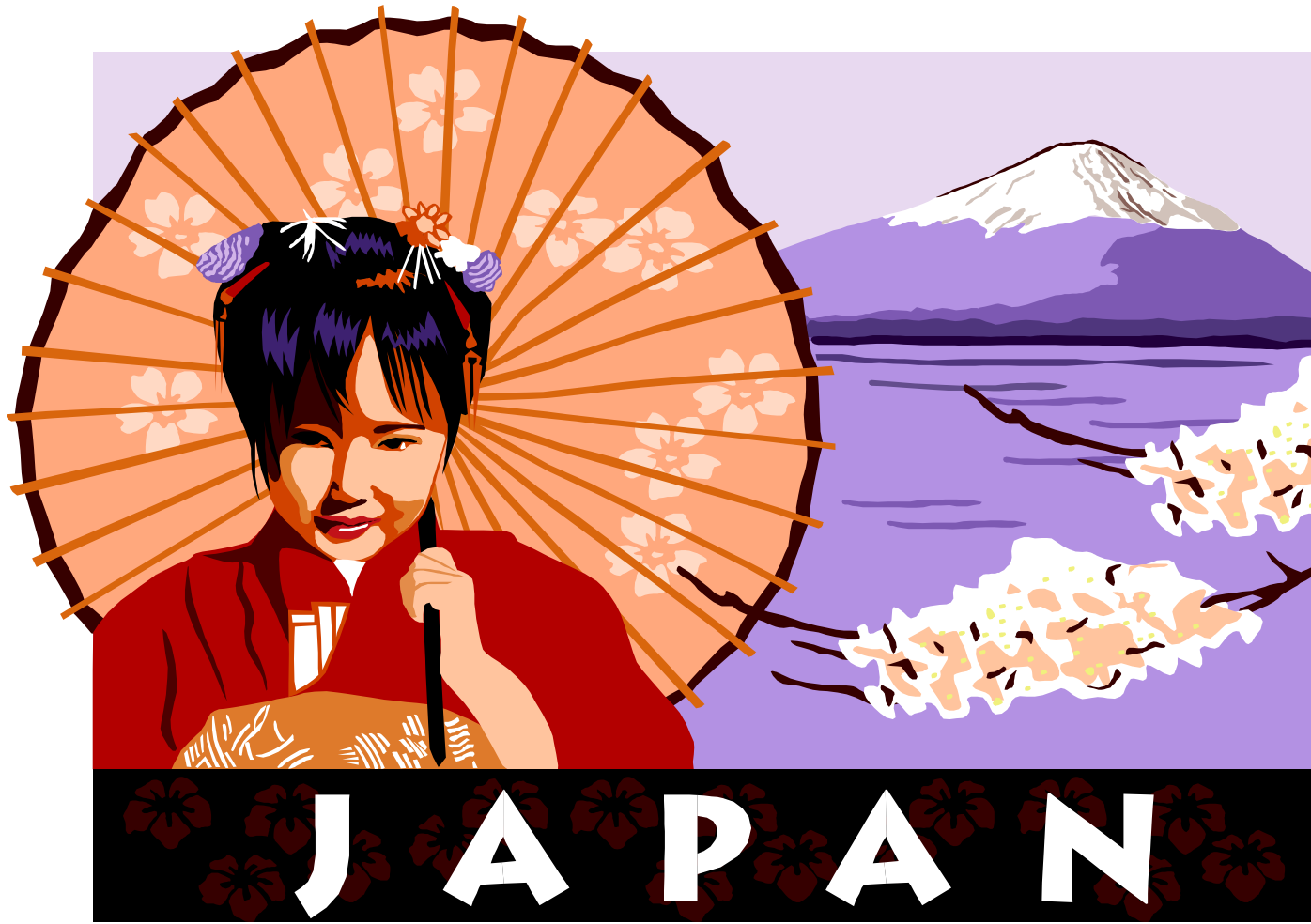


Rebuilding Japan after WWII



The United States & Japan in WWII

What event caused the United States to enter into WWII?

The Japanese attacked the American Pacific fleet docked at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

How long did the United States fight in WWII?

For approximately four years, the United States fought battles in Europe, North Africa, and the Pacific region.

How did the war come to an end?

The United States dropped atomic bombs on the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan.

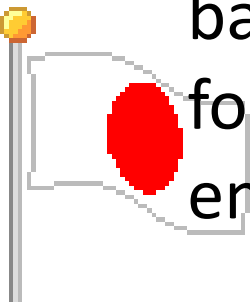
Facts about the Dropping of the Atomic Bomb on Hiroshima

- On August 6, 1945, the U.S. dropped an Atomic Bomb on the city of Hiroshima, Japan.
- 60,000-80,000 people died as a direct result of the bomb blast.
- About 100 square miles of the city was completely destroyed.
- Over the next 10 years, 40,000 people died as a result of injuries from the bomb or radiation poisoning.
- On August 7, 1945, the U.S. demanded Japan surrender immediately and unconditionally.
- On August 9, 1945, the U.S. dropped a second Atomic Bomb on Nagasaki, Japan.



- The islands of Japan were put directly under the rule of General Douglas MacArthur, the Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers.
- War crime trials were held. Over 500 military officers committed suicide right after Japan surrendered, and many hundreds more were executed for committing war crimes.
- One of the first things that was successfully accomplished was the set up of a system in which food could be easily distributed to those citizens who now found themselves without the means of getting food regularly and were starving because of it.

- Another part of the reconstruction took place when Japan made a new Constitution in which they gave their citizens rights.
- Women were granted the right to vote, and the emperor was officially removed from politics and instead permanently banished to the status symbol of the country.
- It also abolished a formal state endorsed religion and other religions like Christianity were openly practiced.
- A clause was also put into their constitution which banned Japan from having any sort of armed military forces. This ban was lifted after Allied occupation ended.



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- Food was given to citizens
- A new constitution was created
- Women were given the right to vote
- The Emperor was removed from politics
- No state religion – other religions could be practiced

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3. What do you think might have happened to Japan if the United States had not aid them in rebuilding?

Write your response in a few sentences.

Rebuilding Japan with the help of the MIS (Japanese-American Linguists)

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