

Iwo Jima, Atomic Bombs and VJ Day

1. Iwo Jima
 - a. Strategic point
 - b. 5 week battle, Japan had fierce defenses
 - i. Bloodbath for both sides
 - c. US flag raised on Mount Suribachi on Feb. 23, 1945
 - d. Almost 7k men died, over 19k wounded
 - i. 20,000 Japanese died (only 22k total)
2. Manhattan Project
 - a. Run by Brig Gen. Groves and Robert Oppenheimer
 - b. Central lab in New Mexico created
 - i. Tested on July 16th, 1945
 - c. Truman decided to use atomic bombs to avoid Japan invasion
 - i. August 6th->Little Boy->Hiroshima
 - ii. August 9th-> Fat Man->Nagasaki
3. Japan Surrenders
 - a. Japan said it would surrender
 - i. VJ Day (Victory over Japan) is on August 14th
 1. Hirohito announces to nation plan to surrender
 - b. Japan officially surrendered on September 2nd.

Add to Class Timeline

August 6th & 9th, 1945: Dropping of the Atomic Bombs

August 14th, 1945: VJ Day

September 2nd, 1945: WWII is officially over