



# THE GREAT PATRIOTIC WAR (1941-1945)

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The name "Great Patriotic War" was used in the USSR on the first day of the war after the appeal of Yuri Levitan on June 22, 1941.



# THE MAIN CAUSES OF THE GREAT PATRIOTIC WAR 1941-1945

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The most important reason of the Second World War was Hitler's desire for world domination. On his way to this world supremacy among other States there was the USSR. Besides rich natural resources that were an attractiveness for Germany nobody wanted the penetration of communism in Europe.



# THE BEGINNING OF THE GREAT PATRIOTIC WAR

Since 1939, the Soviet Union tried to maintain neutrality. In 1939 the USSR and Germany signed a non-aggression Treaty. However, on June 22, 1941 without official warning German troops invaded the Soviet territory. During a few months Germany captured the Baltic States, Belarus, most of Ukraine, the South of Russia. Leningrad was captured in the siege ring. In spite of everything Moscow managed to defend. So, the German plan "Barbarossa" to occupy Soviet lands till September failed.



# THE END OF THE GREAT PATRIOTIC WAR

The counterattack of the USSR from November 1943 was successful. After the victory in Stalingrad the Soviet army conquered Ukraine ; in the beginning of 1944 it liberated Romania, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Austria. In April our army began the Berlin operation. Germany surrendered on the 9<sup>th</sup> of May, 1945.

It was the end of the Great Patriotic War. We'll always remember our grand-grand parents perished for our future.

