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WWII started in 1939 and ended in 1945. This war involved many nations including those with great powers as they form two opposing military alliances. In the entire history of mankind, there have been no widespread wars like the Second World War, with more than one hundred million individuals working in the military units. During this, nations directed all their economic, industrial, along with scientific abilities on war efforts. At this time, there was no difference between civilians and military resources, as all were being used. This period was marked by civilian deaths, including the holocaust. Moreover, it is during this period that not only the first, but also the last nuclear weapon was used in warfare. Based on the number of deaths that occurred during this period, Second World War is considered as the deadliest conflict (Sommerville 2008).

Though the Second World War started in 1939 when Germany invaded Poland, followed by subsequent war declaration by France and Britain against Germany, the Japanese empire was already at war as early as 1937 with the Republic of China with the aim of dominating the East Asia. This was followed by various campaigns and treaties as Germany and Italy formed the Axis alliance, while the United Kingdom along with British Commonwealth members formed an alliance that fought the Axis. However, the largest war theater appeared when THE European Axis invaded The Soviet Union.

The most interesting fact about the Second World War is that it resulted to two rival superpowers, namely; The United States and the Soviet Union. As an effect, though major victors like the Soviet Union, France, the United Kingdom, China and the United States become "permanent members of the United Nations Security Council"( Sommerville 2008), the United States and the Soviet Union continued with the cold war for 46 years, even after declaring that the war is over. Moreover, it is much interesting to see that Japan Empire was

the first to enter into war with the Republic of China, but it was also the last to sign the surrender agreement that brought the war to an end (Barrett & Shyu 2001).

The latter development of Europe was and will be affected by this Second World War. For instance, with the continued cold war, and continued uncertainties between and among nations, enormous technological development will continue being invented for future use, protection or detection. Advancements in electronics as well as computers continue being developed with the aim of transforming the postwar era. Moreover, the development of nuclear bombs by the European scientists will transform the nature of future wars, apart from making incredible advancements in nuclear power.

The Second World War posed lots of threats to human civilization in Europe, so, the continent still needs to put more efforts to ensure organization. Though the United Nations was established in 1945, but there is need for full support as well as leadership from the European nations. Based on the fact that the Second World War had significant negative effects on the economic abilities of European nations, they will continue agreeing upon international organizations as well as Tariffs to ensure favorable business environment for economic prosperity.

One notable event that happened during the Second World War was the holocaust, which entailed "a systematic, bureaucratic, state-sponsored persecution and murder of approximately six million Jews by the Nazi regime and its collaborators" (Yahil 1990). During the Second World War, the Germans subjected Jews to various unethical experiments, apart from being tortured. For instance, doctors used living human beings to test effectiveness of various drugs among other experiments without their consent. Most of them died during experiments, and the Nazi regime never cared.

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