

The End of the War

- 1944-45, as the Allies pushed to Germany, the Canadians went to liberate Holland
- very difficult mission for soldiers – lowlands, burst dams, mud, and starving people
- the fighting was slow and laboursome, and by May 1945, the Germans had surrendered
- CDN's delivered food and the citizens of Holland accepted them as heroes – still to this day

The Holocaust

- as Allies pushed into Germany, they were shocked
- literally found piles of dead bodies in concentration camps – millions were murdered (~6 million)
- Hitler's anti-Semitic views led to his "Final Solution"
 - o to rid Europe of its Jewish population
 - o scientists experimented on Jewish people for medical purposes (life vests)
 - o Zyklon-B gas to kill large numbers of people
 - o Also murdered were other 'undesireables'
 - Communists
 - homosexuals
 - the mentally handicapped
- crimes against humanity – Nuremburg Trials

Japan Surrenders

- USA dropped their first nuclear bomb on Hiroshima
- meant to force them to surrender, which they were going to do – dropped another on Nagasaki (110,000 people killed)