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World War II or the Second World War (1 September 1939 – 2 September 1945) was a global conflict  
between two coalitions: the Allies and the Axis powers. Nearly all of the world's countries participated,  
with many nations mobilising all resources in pursuit of total war. Tanks and aircraft played major roles,  
enabling the strategic bombing of cities and delivery of the first and only nuclear weapons ever used in  
war. World War II is the deadliest conflict in history, c