

# 1940s

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The **1940s** (also known as the '**40s**) was the decade that began on January 1, 1940 and ended on December 31, 1949.

## Events

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- [1940](#) - [Retreat](#) at [Dunkirk](#)
- 1941; Attack on [Pearl Harbor](#), which followed by U.S. join the war then.
- [1944](#) - [Normandy invasion](#)
- [1945](#) (August 6 and 9) - first use of the [atomic bomb](#) in warfare.
- [1945](#) - [World War II](#) ends
- [1945](#) - Start of the [Cold War](#)
- [1945-1946](#) - [Nuremberg Trials](#)
- [1946](#) - [baby boom](#) begins in the [United States](#).
- [1947](#) - [Independence](#) for [India](#) and other [colonies](#).
- [1947-1949](#) - [Indo-Pakistani War](#)
- [1948-1949](#) - [Arab-Israeli War](#)
- [1949](#) - [Communists](#) take power in [China](#).

## People

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### Actor

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- [Cary Grant](#), British-American actor
- [Charles Boyer](#), French actor
- [Dana Andrews](#), American actor
- [Fred Astaire](#), American actor
- [Fred MacMurray](#), American actor
- [Gene Reynolds](#), American actor
- [Humphrey Bogart](#), American actor
- [James Stewart](#), American actor
- [Kirk Douglas](#), American actor
- [Lionel Barrymore](#), American actor

- [Melvyn Douglas](#), American actor
- [Robert Taylor](#), American actor
- [Spencer Tracy](#), American actor
- [Toshirō Mifune](#), Japanese actor
- [William Holden](#), American actor

## Actress

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- [Audrey Hepburn](#), British-Belgian actress
- [Ava Gardner](#), American actress
- [Barbara Stanwyck](#), American actress
- [Bibi Ferreira](#), Brazilian actress
- [Deborah Kerr](#), British actress
- [Donna Reed](#), American actress
- [Doris Day](#), American actress
- [Fay McKenzie](#), American actress
- [Gene Tierney](#), American actress
- [Ginger Rogers](#), American actress
- [Gloria Swanson](#), American actress
- [Grace Kelly](#), American actress
- [Greta Garbo](#), Swedish-American actress
- [Ingrid Bergman](#), Swedish actress
- [Janet Leigh](#), American actress
- [Judy Garland](#), American actress
- [Katharine Hepburn](#), American actress
- [Lana Turner](#), American actress
- [Lauren Bacall](#), American actress
- [Machiko Kyō](#), Japanese actress
- [Mai Zetterling](#), Swedish actress
- [Marilyn Monroe](#), American actress
- [Mary Pickford](#), Canadian-American actress
- [Muriel Pavlow](#), British actress
- [Olivia de Havilland](#), American actress
- [Peggy Stewart](#), American actress

## Composer

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- [Aram Khachaturian](#), Armenian composer

## Director

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## Footballer

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- [Adolfo Pedernera](#), Argentine footballer
- [Alfredo Di Stéfano](#), Argentine-Spanish footballer
- [Ferenc Puskás](#), Hungarian footballer
- [Stanley Matthews](#), English footballer

## Musician

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## Scientist

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- [Albert Einstein](#), German-born American scientist
- [Enrico Fermi](#), Italian-American physicist
- [Erwin Schrödinger](#), Austrian physicist
- [Niels Bohr](#), Danish physicist
- [Paul Dirac](#), English theoretical physicist

## World Leaders

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- [Mao Zedong](#), [Chairman of the Communist Party of China](#)
- [José Figueres Ferrer](#), President of Costa Rica (until 1948)
- [Adolf Hitler](#), [Führer of Germany](#)
- [Karl Dönitz](#), 4th [President of Germany](#)
- [Wilhelm Pieck](#), [Leadership of East Germany](#)
- [Otto Grotewohl](#), [Leadership of East Germany](#)
- [Theodor Heuss](#), [President of Germany](#)
- [Konrad Adenauer](#), [Chancellor of Germany](#)
- [Mahatma Gandhi](#), leader of [India](#)
- [Hirohito](#), [Emperor of Japan](#)
- [Pope Pius XII](#), Pope in the 1930s
- [Ananda Mahidol](#), King of [Siam](#) (until 1946)
- [Rhee Syng-man](#), [President of South Korea](#)
- [Bhumibol Adulyadej](#), King of [Thailand](#)
- [Pridi Banomyong](#), [Prime Minister of Thailand](#)
- [George VI](#), [King of the United Kingdom](#)
- [Winston Churchill](#), [Prime Minister of United Kingdom](#)
- [Clement Attlee](#), [Prime Minister of United Kingdom](#)
- [Franklin D. Roosevelt](#), [President of the United States](#) (until 1945)
- [Harry S. Truman](#), [President of the United States](#)
- [Joseph Stalin](#), leader of the [USSR](#)

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