

the "Great Depression"

In the following years important events involved the United States of America.

During the *First World War* the USA supported the *Allies* and gave a decisive contribution to the final victory.

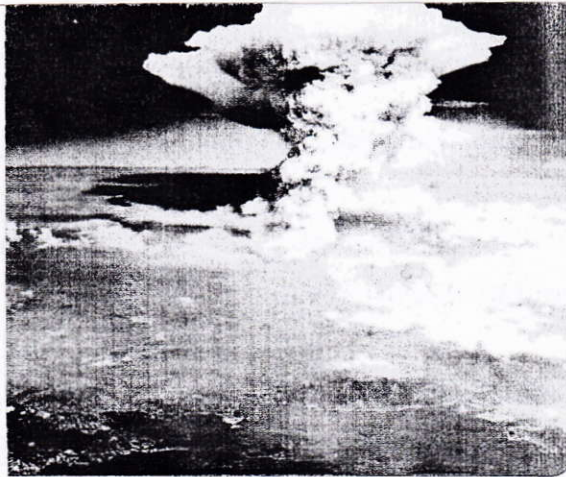
In 1929, after a period of great prosperity, Americans got to know the *Great depression* and the *Wall Street Market Crash* that saw many banks in great crisis.

President *Franklin Delano Roosevelt* was able to help the country by his economic program known as the *New Deal*.

The USA entered *World War II* in 1941 when the Japanese bombed the American naval base of *Pearl Harbour* in Hawaii. Once more America had joined the *Allies* to defeat Nazi Germany.

In 1945 America dropped the first atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in order to put an end to *World War II*. After seeing the destructive power of the atomic bombs Japan surrendered.

After the *Second World War* the USA emerged as a world leader. Its supremacy was both political and economic and its culture, music and films have had a huge influence on people's lifestyle, especially the young generation.



DID YOU KNOW?

In 1969 America became the first country to land on the Moon.

