## The end of World War II



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## **Open second front in west**

The battle for Normandy was fought in 1944 between Allied forces and German armies.

On June 6, 1944, 2 million gender-coordinated Anglo-American soldiers landed in Normandy. Eisenhower

The goal was to conquer part of the Allied territory. On August 25, 1944, the Allied armies managed to liberate Paris.



General Eisenhower

# Romania turns its weapons against Germany

Romania was giving another blow to Germany. King Michael I and the opposition remove the head of government, Marshal Ion Antonescu, who refused to betray Germany and sign an armistice with the Allies.

On August 23, 1944, Antonescu was arrested by order of King Michael I

Romania fought against the AXIS until the end of the war. The change of camp by Romania meant for Germany the loss of the main source of oil.



King Michael I

### **ALLIES WIN THE WAR**

#### **GERMANY'S CAPITULATION**

- In the spring of 1945, coalition forces gathered Germany like a pliers.
- Berlin was conquered by the Soviet armies on May 2, 1945.
- Germany capitulated on May 7 to the Anglo-Americans and on May 9 to the Red Army
- The war ended in Europe with the unconditional capitulation of Germany, and the day of the official announcement of the capitulation, May 9, became "Victory Day"

#### THE CAPITULATION OF JAPAN

- In the Pacific Japanese fight with fanatism when with suicide bombers Kamikaze.
- U.S. President Truman ordered the atomic bombing of the Japanese cities of Hiroshima on August 6, 1945, and Nagasaki on August 9, 1945.
- On September 2, 1945, Japan signed the unconditional surrender.

#### THE PEACE CONFERENCE AND THE PARIS TREATY

- 26 states participated or concluded peace treaties between allied and defeated powers
- Romania being part of the defeated states
- The treaty was signed on february 10, 1947

- Due to disagreements between the USA and the USSR with Germany no peace treaty was signed.
- Germany was forced to pay war reparations but the amount was established only in 1952
- The continent was divided between the socialist bloc and the democratic bloc