

# Race For The Reichstag: The 1945 Battle For Berlin

The Battle for Berlin was the final major offensive of the European theater of World War II. Fought between the Red Army and the German Wehrmacht, the battle resulted in the capture of Berlin and the death of Adolf Hitler.



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The battle began on April 16, 1945, with the Red Army launching a massive offensive across the Oder River. The Soviet forces quickly overwhelmed the German defenses and advanced rapidly towards Berlin. By the end of April, the Red Army had reached the outskirts of the city.

The fighting in Berlin was fierce and bloody. The German defenders, determined to defend the capital to the last man, fought tenaciously from

every building and street. The Red Army, however, was relentless and slowly but surely pushed the Germans back.

On April 30, 1945, the Red Army reached the Reichstag, the German parliament building. The Reichstag was a symbolic target for the Soviets, and its capture would signal the end of the battle.

The fighting for the Reichstag was particularly intense. The German defenders had turned the building into a fortress, and the Red Army had to fight for every inch of ground. However, on May 1, 1945, the Red Army finally captured the Reichstag.

The capture of the Reichstag marked the end of the Battle for Berlin. The German defenders had been defeated, and Adolf Hitler was dead. The war in Europe was over.

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The political and strategic significance of the Battle for Berlin cannot be overstated. The battle marked the end of the Nazi regime and the beginning of a new era in world history.

## ## The Legacy of the Battle for Berlin

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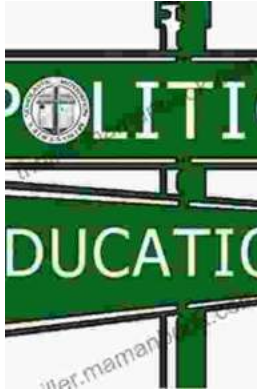
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