

## **Why Was the War in the Pacific Considered Particularly Brutal?**

The War in the Pacific, and the events that came along with that, are viewed as some of the most brutal examples of warfare in history. The combination of traditional Japanese imperial warfare and modern day technology created devastating effects on soldiers and citizens alike, particularly women and girls. The Rape of Nanking, the Manilla Massacre, and the comfort women system clearly showcase the sheer power, lack of humanity, and mass destruction that the War in the Pacific caused. We often look at World War II from the European or Western perspective, and we focus on the atrocities that were committed by the people that are closest to us, while the history of the other 'side' of the war gets more or less shoved under the rug. The idea that the pure horrors of the War in the Pacific could have been committed in the first place is incomprehensible to so many people, and the realities of the situations are out of the scope of reason for so many people.