

# WWII Project

**Task:** In groups of two, you are to create a scrapbook that traces the events of the WWII from its beginnings in the early 1900s to the effects it has today. Below you will find a list of items that you need to include in your scrapbook.

## Requirements:

1. Interesting title
2. Colorful, well-organized, neat scrapbook with few grammar & spelling errors
3. Background information, including:
  - a. Explain conditions in each country in 1939:

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| <b>Axis</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Germany</li> <li>✓ Italy</li> <li>✓ Japan</li> </ul>  |
|               |  |
| <b>Allies</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Poland</li> <li>✓ Soviet Union</li> <li>✓ France</li> <li>✓ United States</li> <li>✓ Britain</li> </ul> |

Each partner must choose *one Axis* and *one Allied* Power (two countries each).

- Facebook Profile Page:
- Political leadership
  - Friends (Allies)
  - Status updates
  - Paragraph explaining how they got into WWII

4. Timeline, descriptions, & pictures of 10 the following:

- a. Invasion of Poland
- b. The Battle of Britain
- c. Invasion of Soviet Union
- d. Pearl Harbor
- e. Holocaust
- f. The Battle of Stalingrad
- g. Operation Overlord (aka D-Day)
- h. The Battle of Iwo Jima
- i. Nuclear bombs/Japanese surrender
- j. Operation Torch
- k. Yalta Conference
- l. Nuremberg Trials
- m. Battle of Midway
- n. Germany surrenders
- o. Japanese Internment Camps

- Letter (business, friendly, etc.)\*
- Narrative\*
- Feature article\*
- Memo
- Poem
- Obituary
- Birth announcement
- Press release
- Manifesto
- Interview
- Radio broadcast
- Song lyrics
- Speech
- Historical fiction
- Class notes
- Police report
- Journal entry
- Advice column
- Recipe
- Eulogy
- Telephone conversation

- *Pick 5 events*
- *Must have 1,500 total words in this section*
- *\*Must be used as writing pieces*

5. Propaganda: How did propaganda influence the war on **both** sides?
  - a. Create an advertisement for the Axis (*Germany, Italy, Japan*) and one for the Allies (*US, France, GB, Soviet Union*)
    - *Choose one nation on each side and explain how your poster is influencing the people of that nation*
6. Effects: How have the events of WWII impacted life today?
 

\*\*This is not in your textbook...**THINK** about how life would be different today if all the above things never happened.\*\*
7. Works cited page/Endnotes

**Special Note:** One *great* source for information is people who have experienced these events. Ask your grandparents or anyone else that you may know that may have first-hand information.

# WWII Project Scoring Guide

## Background Information

Both countries are explained accurately.

Not Yet Got it!!

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\_\_\_\_/40 pts

## Timeline

All 10 events are in order on the timeline with accurate summaries.

Not Yet Got it!!

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\_\_\_\_/10 pts

## Explanation of Events (Summary Paragraphs & Writing Pieces)

All 5 events are explained accurately on the timeline.

Not Yet Got it!!

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## Pictures

All 5 events include a relevant picture of the event.

Not Yet Got it!!

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\_\_\_\_/10 pts

## Propaganda

Poster contains accurate explanations on how propaganda influenced the people of each country.

Not Yet Got it!!

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\_\_\_\_/40 pts

## Effects

Clear, thorough explanation of how the events of WWII impact life today.

Not Yet Got it!!

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\_\_\_\_/50 pts

Total \_\_\_\_/250

## WWII Project: Timeline Worksheet

*Year*      *Event*

1. \_\_\_\_\_

Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

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3. \_\_\_\_\_

Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

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4. \_\_\_\_\_

Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

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5. \_\_\_\_\_

Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

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## WWII Project: Background Worksheet

On your Facebook page, you will make statuses about certain events that led to WWII. Each status must reflect your country's reaction to the event, as well as what happened. Some events will have comments by friends. These events must be in order on the page, with the earliest events on the bottom and the last event on the top of the page.

Choose 4 of the following events to make status updates about:

1. June 28, 1919- Treaty of Versailles is signed
2. March 20, 1933- Dachau opens
3. October 14, 1933- Germany quits the League of Nations
4. August 19, 1934- Hitler becomes Fuhrer
5. March 16, 1935- Hitler violates T. of Versailles by introducing military conscription
6. September 15, 1935- Nuremberg laws created
7. October 15, 1938- Germany occupies Sudetenland
8. November 10, 1938- Kristallnacht
9. March 15, 1939- Germany takes Czechoslovakia
10. August 23, 1939- Nazi-Soviet Pact signed

You **must** make a status about the following event:

11. September 1, 1939- Germany invades Poland

**Allied Country:** \_\_\_\_\_

Status 1: \_\_\_\_\_ (event/date)

\_\_\_\_\_

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

Status 2: \_\_\_\_\_ (event/date)

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Status 3: \_\_\_\_\_ (event/date)

\_\_\_\_\_

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

Status 4: \_\_\_\_\_ (event/date)

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Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

Status 5: Invasion of Poland, September 1, 1939

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Political Leadership/Type of Government:

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Likes:

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How did they join WWII?

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**Axis Country:** \_\_\_\_\_

Status 1: \_\_\_\_\_

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Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

Status 2: \_\_\_\_\_

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Status 3: \_\_\_\_\_

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Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

Status 4: \_\_\_\_\_

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Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

Status 5: Invasion of Poland

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Political Leadership/Type of Government:

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Likes:

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How did they join WWII?

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## WWII Project: Propaganda Worksheet

Allied Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Techniques used: \_\_\_\_\_  
(in **your** poster) \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Paragraph 1:** *What are you trying to encourage people to do? Why?*

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**Paragraph 2:** *What techniques are you using? How are you using them?*

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Sketch:



## WWII Project: Propaganda Worksheet

Axis Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Techniques used: \_\_\_\_\_  
(in **your** poster) \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Paragraph 1:** *What are you trying to encourage people to do? Why?*

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## WWII Project Checklist

- Cover Page
- Table of Contents
- Timeline (w/summaries)
- Background Information (2 Facebook pages for each partner)
- Summary Paragraphs
- Timeline Pieces (5 for each partner)
- Pictures for each piece
- Propaganda Posters (w/2 paragraphs)
- Research Paper
  - 12 point font (Times New Roman)
  - 1 inch margins
  - Double space
  - No extra space between paragraphs!!!
- Works Cited
- Endnotes