Turning Points

*Major Battles of the Second World War*

# Introduction:

There are key points in the history of the Second World War that changed the tide and momentum of the war. These major battles helped to determine the outcome of the war.

# Historical Thinking Concepts

* Cause and Consequence
* Historical Significance

# Outcome

* **DR 20.2 -** Explain the responses of nations to catalyst events during the 20th century and explain the consequences of these responses.

# Task:

You will research one of the following major battles of World War II:

* Battle of Britain
* Pearl Harbor
* Battle of Midway
* D-Day
* Battle of the Bulge
* Battle of El-Alamein
* Battle of Stalingrad
* Battle of Iwo Jima
* Battle of Berlin

Your product will need to answer the following essential questions:

* Background Content:
  + Battle name; date
  + The who, what, where, when, why and how of the battle with detailed descriptions/quotes/examples (format of this will change depending on the product style you choose)
* Critical Thinking
  + Cause and consequence of the battle (outcome)
  + Historical Significance of the Battle

Other requirements:

* Pictures
* Formal Bibliography done in Chicago Style with at least 2 sources

You will present your battle to the class. You will need to fill in the attached chart and map for each presentation

**\*\*Extras**: find primary sources and direct quotes from participants to enhance your presentation\*\*

# Product Style

You can present your information in the following formats:

1. Write a Newspaper article about your battle. Include a headline and a picture. The Article must be at least 3 paragraphs long. Include political cartoons/advertisements/etc. to make your paper more authentic
2. Create a storyboard of the significant events of your battle. Include at least 5 descriptive paragraphs
3. Create a timeline of major events of your battle. Include at least 9 events with a one to two sentence description of each.
4. Create a soundtrack with five song that relate to your battle. Write one paragraph about each song explaining why you chose it and how it relates to the battle
5. Create a short story from the perspective of a soldier fighting in the battle. Must be at least 2 pages single spaced while still answering the assignment criteria.
6. Create a powerpoint, powtoon, emaze, infographic explaining the progression of your battle
7. Other: Be creative but pass your idea by me first!

# Assessment

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|  | 5 – Wow! | 4 – Yes and | 3 - Yes | 2 – Almost | 1 - Beginning |
| Background Content X2 | Event is fully explained with a detailed description and/or direct quotes or situational examples. | Event is fully explained with a vivid and detailed description. | Event is fully explained. | Some event details are missing. | Very little background of the event is given. |
| Critical Thinking | All critical thinking questions are answered insightfully with examples and/or direct quotes. You are able to draw connections between this event and other events in history/present | All critical thinking questions are answered insightfully with examples. | All critical thinking questions are answered. | Some information is missing. | You did not answer the critical thinking questions fully. Remember to use examples to explain your understanding. |
| Product | Product is exceptionally neat and organized. There are no typos or errors. Product is visually pleasing and extra effort is evident. | Product is exceptionally neat and organized. There are few or no typos/errors. | Product is neat and organized. There are few typos or errors. | Product has many typos or errors. | Product has many typos or errors. A lack of neatness and organization has resulted in a poor product. |
| Bibliography | More than 2 sources are used. No errors in citation. | 2 sources are used. No errors in citation. | 2 sources are used. Few errors in citation | 2 or 1 source(s) used. Proper citation not used. | 1 source used. Proper citation not used. |
| Total: /25 |

Major Battles Presentation Chart

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Battle | Where | Who | What happened | Importance | Outcome |
| Battle of Britain |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pearl Harbor |  |  |  |  |  |
| Battle of El Alamein |  |  |  |  |  |
| Battle of Stalingrad |  |  |  |  |  |
| Battle of Iwo Jima |  |  |  |  |  |
| Battle of Berlin |  |  |  |  |  |
| Battle of Midway |  |  |  |  |  |
| D-Day |  |  |  |  |  |
| Battle of the Bulge |  |  |  |  |  |

Map of Battles

KEY

 Battle of Britain

 Pearl Harbor

 Battle of Midway

 El-Alamein

 Stalingrad

 D-Day

 Battle of the Bulge

 Iwo Jima

 Battle of Berlin



