7th Grade WebQuest

World War II

Learning Goal: Students will build background knowledge of World War II for insight into the novel The Boy in the Striped Pajamas. Students will demonstrate mastery of knowledge by completing the webquest and tasks for evaluation.

Introduction

A major American news magazine is hiring a new editorial staff in

response to a recent reader survey that gave it poor ratings. You are a

member of one of six groups of journalists who have been selected as the

finalists for the new staff. If each of you gets hired for the editorial

staff, it will be the opportunity of your careers.

In order to help in the decision making process, the committee

selecting the new editorial staff has decided to make the next six issues a

commemorative series on World War II. Each finalist group has been assigned

a different part of the series.

Task

The purpose of this project is to allow you the opportunity to research

a topic related to World War Two. It will enable you to have a better

understanding and a deeper appreciation of a war that significantly altered

history and the great generation that saw it through to the end.

You will be broken into six groups of four to five people. Each group

will select one of the following topics. Each topic can only be used by one

group.

TOPICS

1. Five Concentration Camps

2. Five Allied War Conferences

3. Five Battles

4. Five Politicians and/or Generals

5. Five Forms of Propaganda

(United States, Great Britain, Germany, Soviet Union, Japan, Canada)

6. The Mixed Bag

(Manhattan Project (Atomic Bomb), Other WW2 Weapon/Technology, Code

Talkers, Nuremberg War Trials, Japanese American Relocation Camps)

Process

FOR EACH TOPIC:

1. Answer the series of questions using the provided Websites and your

critical thinking skills.

2. Choose one of the following presentation methods for the entire group.

GROUP PRESENTATION

Each group is required to present their topic to the class. Each has the

following options regarding how they will deliver their presentation:

PowerPoint

1. Minimum of two slides per student.

2. Minimum of one picture per student.

3. Print out a color copy for the teacher.

4. Each person must present their topic.

5. Each student will submit a one page typed summary with a works cited

page.

6. Please provide a hand out to the class.

Panel Discussion

1. The entire group sits across the front of the room and discusses

their topics, tying together points about their topics while

switching back and forth between speakers. Each person must speak

about their topic.

2. Each student will submit a one page typed summary with a works cited

page.

3. Please provide a hand out to the class.

News Show

1. This should be run like the news.

2. Someone will serve as the anchor, but will also be a reporter.

3. Each reporter must speak about their topic like it is happening now.

4. Each student will submit a one page typed summary with a works cited

page.

5. Please provide a hand out to the class.

Role playing (Good for Politicians & Generals)

1. You pretend you are the person.

2. Each student will submit a one page typed summary with a works cited

page.

3. Each person is required to speak and use props.

4. Please provide a hand out to the class.