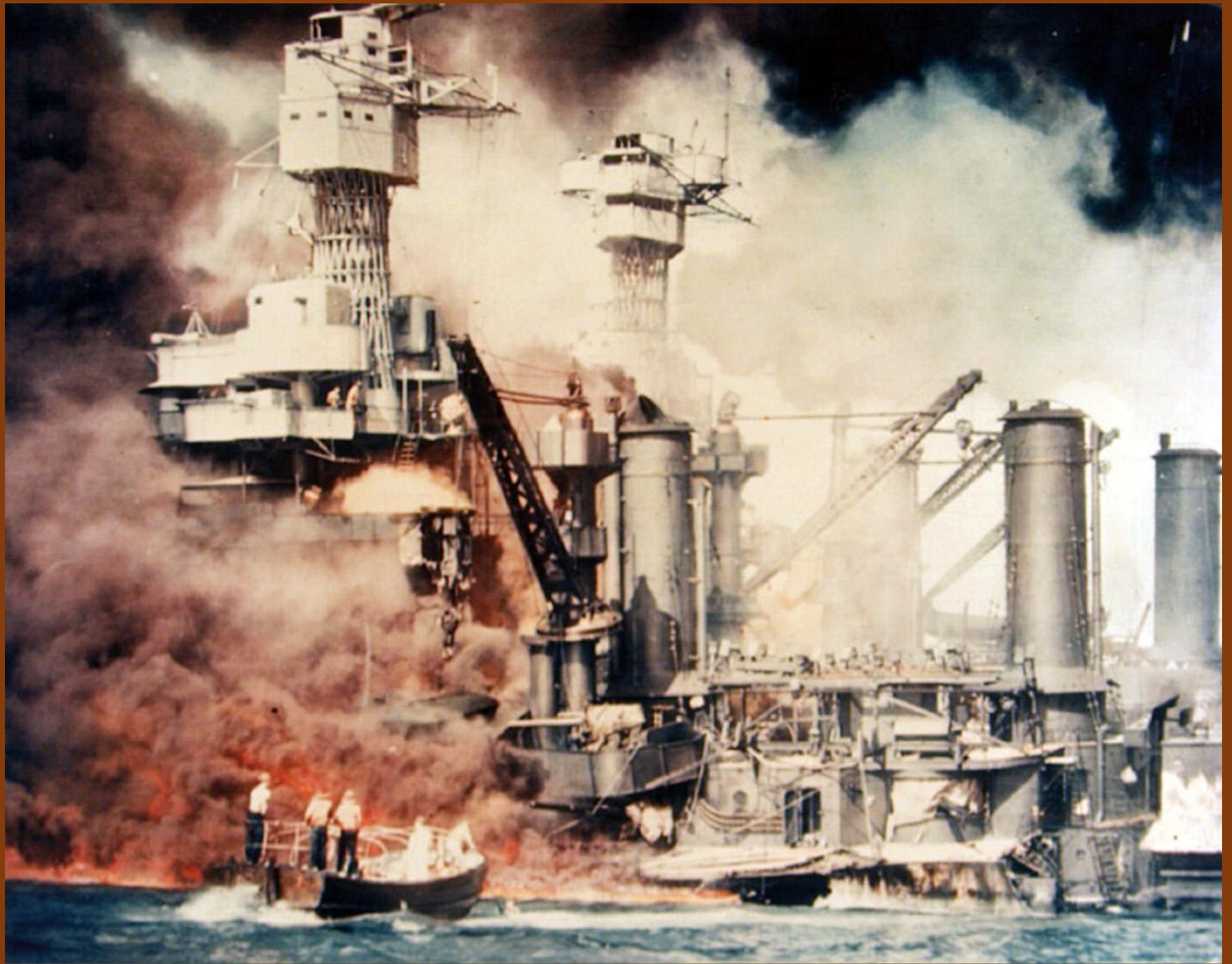


Grades 4th & 5th
Keep Moving Forward
An Introduction to World War II



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OBJECTIVES: CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.4.3 Explain events, procedures, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text, including what happened and why, based on specific information in the text. CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.5.3-Explain the relationships or interactions between two or more individuals, events, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text based on specific information in the text.		STRATEGIES: ☐ Writing ☐ Entrance Ticket ☐ Collaboration ☐ Discussion Questions ☐ Small Groups ☐ Large Group
MATERIALS:	Computer/laptop; internet (with access to YouTube); Smart Board; copies of A Short History of World War II; copies of A Short History of World War II Summary Questions; copies of World War II Vocabulary; copies of World War II Word Search Puzzle	
Engage: Hook the students	Entrance Ticket-Pair the students with a partner. Handout Entrance Tickets when students are seated. Entrance Ticket: Today we are going to talk about World War II. 16.4 million American men and women fought in World War II. What does the name World War II imply? What do you already know about World War II? What do you want to know about World War II?	
Explore: Students make sense of a concept through observations.	Play the YouTube video, A Brief Overview of World War II, Simple History https://youtu.be/HUqy-OQvVtI?si=9OkX2h31hboN5LmG Hand out copies of World War II Vocabulary. Review the vocabulary. Hand out A Short History of World War II reading activity. Allow students time to read the summary. Hand out copies of A Short History of World War II Summary Questions. Allow students time to complete the assignment. Handout World War II Word Search Puzzle. Allow students time to complete the assignment	
Explain: Teacher introduces formal vocabulary and language to students.	World War II Nazi Party Pearl Harbor Atomic Bomb Germany Axis Powers Holocaust Adolf Hitler Allied Powers D-Day	
Elaborate: Students apply what they have learned.	4 th Students will explain events, procedures, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text, including what happened and why, based on specific information in the text. 5 th Students will explain the relationships or interactions between two or more individuals, events, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text based on specific information in the text.	
Evaluate: assessment.	Teachers will select which activities to use as formal/informal assessments.	
Enrichment/Service-Learning Project	Students will brainstorm an activity to recognize and honor an ordinary person in their community or school that does extraordinary things. Students will create a certificate to award and make the presentation.	

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A Short History of World War II

World War II was the most destructive war in human history. Millions of people died all over the world, either directly or indirectly as a result of the war. It lasted for about six years, from 1939 to 1945.

Who Fought in the War?

The war was fought between two main groups of countries:

1. The Allies: These countries included the United States (USA), the United Kingdom (Great Britain), the Soviet Union (Russia), and China, among many others. The Big Three were Great Britain, Russia and the United States.
2. The Axis Powers: The main Axis countries were Germany, Japan, and Italy.

Why Did the War Start?

The main reason the war started was because the leader of Germany, a man named Adolf Hitler, wanted to take control of many other countries in Europe. He had an army called the Nazis, and they believed that Germans were better than everyone else. In 1939, Germany invaded Poland, which started World War II. This caused Great Britain and France to declare war on Germany.

Important Battles and Events

- Pearl Harbor: In 1941, Japan launched a surprise attack on the U.S. Navy base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. This is why the United States joined the war to fight the Axis Powers.
- D-Day: In 1944, thousands of Allied soldiers landed on the beaches of Normandy, France. This massive attack helped the Allies push the German army back out of France.
- The Holocaust: During the war, the Nazis carried out a terrible crime called the Holocaust. They murdered about six million Jewish people, because Hitler believed the Jews were responsible for the problems in Germany and millions of others they felt were inferior.

How Did the War End?

- In April 1945, Adolf Hitler died, and Germany surrendered a few days later, ending the war in Europe (called V-E Day).
- The war against Japan ended a few months later. The U.S. dropped two powerful new bombs (atomic bombs) on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Japan surrendered shortly after, which is called V-J Day, in September 1945.
- The end of the war brought peace, but the world had to work hard to rebuild what was destroyed.

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A Short History of World War II Summary Questions

- 1:** When was World War II?
- 2:** What were the two main groups that fought against each other?
- 3:** Name the “Big Three” countries that belonged to the Allie Powers.
- 4:** Name the three main countries that made up the Axis Powers.
- 5:** Who was the leader of Germany who started the war?
- 6:** What was the name of the German army's political group?
- 7:** What event caused the United States to join World War II?
- 8:** What was the name of the massive invasion by the Allies on the beaches of Normandy, France, in 1944?
- 9:** What terrible crime did the Nazis commit during the war where they murdered millions of Jewish people?
- 10:** How did the war against Japan finally end in September 1945?

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ANSWER KEY

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- 4: Name the three main countries that made up the Axis Powers. Germany, Japan, and Italy.
- 5: Who was the leader of Germany who started the war? Adolf Hitler.
- 6: What was the name of the German army's political group? The Nazis.
- 7: What event caused the United States to join World War II? Japan's surprise attack on Pearl Harbor in Hawaii in 1941.
- 8: What was the name of the massive invasion by the Allies on the beaches of Normandy, France, in 1944? D-Day.
- 9: What terrible crime did the Nazis commit during the war where they murdered 6 million Jewish people and millions of others? The Holocaust.
- 10: How did the war against Japan finally end in September 1945? The United States dropped two atomic bombs on the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, causing Japan to surrender.

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Vocabulary

- ☐ **World War II:** A global war fought from 1939 to 1945.
- ☐ **Germany:** The country in Europe whose actions started World War II by invading Poland.
- ☐ **Adolf Hitler:** The leader of Germany during the war.
- ☐ **Nazi:** The political party that ruled Germany and was led by Hitler.
- ☐ **Axis Powers:** The group of countries that fought together, mainly Germany, Italy, and Japan.
- ☐ **Allied Powers (or Allies):** The group of countries that fought against the Axis Powers, including the United States, the United Kingdom (Great Britain), and the Soviet Union (Russia).
- ☐ **Pearl Harbor:** An American naval base in Hawaii that Japan attacked on December 7, 1941, causing the U.S. to enter the war.
- ☐ **Holocaust:** The systematic murder of over 6 million Jewish people and 5 million others during World War II by Adolf Hitler and the Nazi party.
- ☐ **D-Day:** The name for the massive invasion by the Allies on the beaches of Normandy France in 1944.
- ☐ **Atomic Bomb:** A powerful new type of weapon used by the United States to end the war with Japan.

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World War II Word Search Puzzle

A	Q	A	X	I	S	P	O	W	E	R	S
T	A	L	G	K	E	R	Y	U	I	O	K
O	Z	L	B	O	P	S	C	T	N	A	K
M	W	I	Y	L	D	E	N	C	J	D	A
I	P	E	A	R	L	H	A	R	B	O	R
C	S	D	H	P	S	Z	Z	F	G	L	G
B	X	P	N	Q	D	D	I	X	U	F	E
O	H	O	L	O	C	A	U	S	T	H	R
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B	D	E	J	D	W	S	B	B	H	T	A
W	O	R	L	D	W	A	R	I	I	L	N
V	C	S	M	A	A	G	J	W	P	E	Y
T	R	K	I	Y	U	Z	K	L	E	R	J

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O	Z	L	B	O	P	S	C	T	N	A	K
M	W	I	Y	L	D	E	N	C	J	D	A
I	P	E	A	R	L	H	A	R	B	O	R
C	S	D	H	P	S	Z	Z	F	G	L	G
B	X	P	N	Q	D	D	I	X	U	F	E
O	H	O	L	O	C	A	U	S	T	H	R
M	E	W	U	W	N	L	P	W	Q	I	M
B	D	E	J	D	W	S	B	B	H	T	A
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