

Writing Assignment: WWII Unit

A significant component to History is writing about it. Writing about History demonstrates a strong understanding of the material, and allows you to express opinions regarding historical events in a clear, organized way. Since this is a 9th grade (introductory) social studies class, the assignment will only be one page, however, you are welcome to write more if you wish. Please see me if you need any assistance.

In one page (approximately 250 words), please answer *one* of the following questions:

1. Compare the roles of Germany and Japan during World War II. Generally speaking, were their aggressions fundamentally similar or fundamentally different?
2. How and why was Germany allowed to annex Austria and the Sudetenland? Was there any justification for Britain and France's policy of appeasement?
3. Discuss the issues surrounding the United States' decision to use atomic bombs against Japan. What motives were behind this action, and what arguments have been made against it?

Grading:

CATEGORY	4	3	2	1
Development of Main Ideas	Main ideas are clear, specific, and well-developed. 20pts	Main ideas are identifiable, but may be somewhat general. 15 pts	Main ideas are overly broad or simplistic. 10 pts	Main ideas are unclear or not expressed. 5 pts
Clarity and Focus	Writing is exceptionally clear, focused, and interesting. 20pts	Writing is generally clear, focused, and interesting. 15 pts	Writing is loosely focused on the topic. 10 pts	Writing is unclear and unfocused. 5 pts
Avoid words: SO, JUST, LIKE, GOT, A LOT	Writer did not use SO, JUST, LIKE, GOT, OR A LOT. 15 pts	Writer used SO, JUST, LIKE, GOT, OR A LOT only 1-2 times. 10 pts	Writer used SO, JUST, LIKE, GOT, OR A LOT 3-5 times. 5 pts	Writer used SO, JUST, LIKE, GOT, OR A LOT more than 5 times. 3pts
Paragraphs	All paragraphs are indented. 15 pts	Some paragraphs are indented. 10 pts	Few paragraphs are indented. 5 pts	None of the paragraphs are indented. 3pts
Correct punctuation and capitalization	Writer correctly used punctuation and capitalization in the essay. 15 pts	Writer only made 1-2 errors in punctuation and/or capitalization. 10 pts	Writer made 3-5 errors in punctuation and/or capitalization. 5 pts	Writer made more than 5 errors in punctuation and/or capitalization. 3pts

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