

“World War II: Independent Reading Assignment”

Mr. Meetze

Rationale:

The Independent Reading Project is designed to allow you the student the opportunity to choose a topic that occurred during World War II that you are intrinsically interested in while allowing you the student the opportunity to expand your knowledge base on any topic found in the war that peaks your interest. Worth 30% of your grade each marking period the final Independent Reading Project must be satisfactorily completed in order to successfully pass the course.

Procedure:

Choose a high school level book based on an approved topic on any aspect of WWII that you wish to explore. The book will need to be **a minimum of 180 pages** in length. More than one student can read the same book which can either be signed out from the Library or purchased on your own.

Here is a suggested list of potential topics for you to choose from...

Steven Ambrose Books- Band of Brothers, The Victors, Citizen Soldiers, Ike’s Spies, Pegasus Bridge, The Wild boys (B-26 Pilots), D-Day, Eisenhower

People –PT-109 (J.F.K.), Mein Kampf*, Devil’s Disciples: Hitler’s Inner Circle, Clair Chennault: Flying Tiger, Roosevelt’s Secret War, Flags of Our Fathers, Patton & Rommel, Rommel in Africa, Last Days of Patton, Lost Hero: Raul Wallenberg, Unbroken

D-Day-Days to Infamy, D-Day, and Fighting 1st (the Big Red One), Normandy: The Real Story, 10 Days to Infamy, Utah Beach, Hitler’s Fortress Cherbourg, Overlord,

Events-Rape of Nan king, Hiroshima’s Shadow, Plague Upon, Japan’s Germ War

Battles- Enemy at the Gates, Longest Winter (Battle of the Bulge), Iwo, Army at Dawn, At Dawn We Slept, Monte Casino, Pearl Harbor, The Ninety Days (5 Battles) Devil’s Birthday (Market Garden), D-Days of the Pacific, Hell is Upon Us: D-Days in the Pacific

Combat Testimonials- Brothers in Arms, Lonely Vigil (Guards of Solomon Islands), Long Way Back from the River Kwai, Voices: WWII, Honor by Fire, Voices

Holocaust- Escape from Dachau, Bombs of Auschwitz, Dachau 29, Hitler’s Shadow War, We Remember the Holocaust (Children), Treblinka, Murderers Among Us

Human Right Violations- Rape of Nanking, Dresden, and Justice for All, Day One (Before and After Hiroshima), Bombing of Auschwitz? Official Secrets: Holocaust,

Politics- Churchill and Roosevelt, Hitler’s Secret Life, Hitler’s Second Book

Women in War- Our Mothers in War, African American Women in War, Eleanor’s Story, They Also Served, Bitter Fruit (AAW in War), Were in this War Too,

Conspiracies & Espionage- Spy at the Heart of the 3rd Reich, O.S.S., Military Errors of WWII, Day of Deceit, Code Name: Downfall, Unexplained Mysteries of WWII,

Weapons & Technology- Secret Building 26, Hitler’s U-Boats, Hitler’s Vengeance

Units- Climb to Conquer, Patton’s Panthers (761 Tank Co.), Bitter Frost, 8th Army (From Africa to Berlin), Tuskegee Airmen, Steel Victory (US Tanks), Glider Gang

Book Sign Up:

30% of Your MP 1 Grade

Your Name: _____

Book Title: _____

Pages: _____

In Complete Sentences Explain 3 Reasons why you are choosing this Book:

- 1. _____

- 2. _____

- 3. _____

Approved by Mr. Meetze? (Yes / No)

Please Save in Your Notebook

The Next Steps for MP1 or How to Earn your 30% Grade

Procedure: Bring your book to the 5 scheduled reading days during the 1st MP. Each reading day you can earn up to 5% by bringing your book, reading the entire period, completing the reading log, using your time wisely, and maintaining a positive learning environment.

If you forget your book you can make up your reading day for 50% off if completed during the next 5 school days during either a free period or afterschool.

Absent students can schedule a reading day during a free period or afterschool for full credit during the next 5 school days.

MP1 Ten Week Book Assessment: After the 5th in class reading day, students will need to complete the entire book and reading log by the end of the first marking period. In addition, you will be tasked to complete a mini assessment of your book which will be completed during the last week of MP 1 and participate in a book talk that Friday. Students who do not finish their book, reading log, and mini assessment will receive a 0 for the Independent Reading Project for the First Marking Period or a 0/30%.

The Final Steps for MP2 or How to Earn Course Credit

The Final Project List will not be assigned or handed out until MP2. All Final projects will have both a Visual and Written component involved. Upon Completion the Final Project will count 30% for MP2 and as the Final Exam. If you have any questions at any time see Mr. Meetze. Thanks and Good Luck!