

World War II: Journal Entries

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#12-15

WWII

Procedure: As you already know your Personal Journal counts as **30%** of your overall course grade each Marking Period which are due roughly every 5 weeks. Each Entry is required to be **1.5 College Size Pages** in length graded on **Accuracy and Depth** of the Topic (citing a minimum of 5 examples from corresponding texts), **Creativity** (how you decide to tell your story), and **Realism** (associated with experiences and the mindsets of the men and women enlisted in the military). Be sure to **Date / Number** each entry before ending with your **Rank and Signature**.

#12

The Desert War of North Africa

February 1943

“To the Victor Goes the Spoils.” -Erwin Rommel AKA ‘the Desert Fox’

As a member of the O.S.S. you have already survived Arctic training against the Eskimo Scouts. Unfortunately your time in the Arctic and your WNY upbringing has left you totally unprepared for the complexities of Desert Warfare. Attempting to defeat the ‘Desert Fox’ is difficult enough; trying to do so in open tank country is almost suicidal. You and your men need to meet Rommel at the Kasserine Pass and stop the Desert Fox before he and the remaining Afrika Corp escapes to Sicily and most importantly before General Montgomery captures him first. Can you beat Rommel and the inhospitable desert at the same time? Good Luck!

Historical Note: Rommel Wins, Don’t Forget!!!!

(Task) Cite a minimum of 5 pieces of evidence from Desert War Article and your Unit IV Supplemental plan as you describe the difficulties the US Army experienced fighting Rommel’s Afrika Corp in the North African Desert.

#13

Omaha Beach

June 6th, 1944 6:30 AM

“OK, Let’s Go!!” - General Eisenhower

You and your men are attached to the U.S. 1st Army and will land with the 2nd wave during Operation: Overlord. As you board your ‘Higgins Boat’ leaving Britain for the last time you have an uneasy feeling in your gut as you take on Rommel again attempting to invade Fortress Europe and the mighty ‘Atlantic Wall’. Your commanding officers have briefed you on the plan detailing the pre wave bombing, the naval shelling, as well as the arrival of the D.D. tanks set to arrive 5 minutes before you hitting the shingle. Still you can’t help but feel it your bones that something is wrong and this plan won’t be as easy as the briefing claims. Today might possibly be the ‘Longest Day’ that you and you men have ever faced as you attempt to take the beaches and reach the German controlled bluffs of Normandy.

(Task) Cite a minimum of 5 pieces of evidence from your Omaha Beach Article as well as any other D-Day Articles from the Supplemental Pack to describe why the men who landed that morning can honestly say they were lucky to have survived Bloody Omaha.

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#14

The 'Night on the Line' / Bastogne

Winter 1944-1945

“This is Undoubtedly the Greatest American battle of the war and will, I believe, be regarded as the Greatest American Victory of WWII” - Winston Churchill

After various failed attempts to reach Berlin by Christmas, the U.S. high command has decided to settle in for the upcoming winter holding the 'line' until spring. Allied intelligence has concluded that the German Military can no longer move troops and cannot possibly mount an offensive against your position. As you settle into your foxhole on the Line you have a bad feeling about not only the Allied intelligence report but the sound of motors off in the distance. If only this fog would let up. If only...

(Task) Cite a minimum of 5 pieces of evidence from your Night on the Line Article describing the difficulties the Allied soldiers faced throughout the coldest winter in European history as you try to survive on the Line. Don't forget that Hitler is sending 10 Panzer divisions your way as well. Merry Christmas from Uncle Adolf!!!

#15

Homecoming Delayed!!!!

Spring-Summer 1945

“Uncommon Valor was Uncommon Virtue” - Admiral Nimitz

Uncle Sam isn't done with you yet as the War in the Pacific is not over. The Japanese Government has refused to Surrender Unconditionally and vows that every citizen will take 10 American's with them before they die. In order to secure air fields and supply lines for the upcoming invasion of the Japanese homeland we need to take 2 more islands Iwo Jima and Okinawa. Choose your Island. Can you take Mt. Suribachi or hold Shuri Castle? You Decide!

(Task) Cite a minimum of 5 pieces of evidence from either your Iwo Jima or Okinawa Articles to support the Horror's in the War in the Pacific.

#16

Bonus Journal: The End is Here!!!!

Fall 1945

Worth up to 15% bonus points

“Wars may be fought with Weapons, but they are won by Men. It is the spirit of men who follow and of the man who leads that gains the victory”

- General George S. Patton

America has made a decision to drop the Bomb. Will it work and if so did our government just open Pandora's Box? As the War Closes reflect on your experiences discussing your opinions of the Germans, Japanese, British, & Russians as you get closer to finishing this war in one piece but at what price? Are you even human anymore?