

The War Just Got Real!!!

Journal Entries 4-7

Mr. Meetze

WWII

Procedure: The 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). In addition, be sure to **Date / Number** each entry before ending with your **Rank and Signature**.

Recap: The Story So Far

Since the end of World War I twenty years have past and you have returned home to your quiet life in Buffalo, New York. Reflecting on your experiences during the 'Great War' you begin to realize how much you have changed despite trying to move on from Ghosts of the Past. Reading the newspaper and listening to F.D.R's 'fireside chats' you can't help shake the feeling that the world will once again enter the abyss. Looking in the mirror you see a graying middle age face staring back at you asking "Have I done Enough"? Interrupted by a knock on the door, a man in a suit asks for five minutes of your time to make you an offer of a lifetime. The War Department has needs of men with combat experience and knowledge of European Culture. (and the fact that Mr. Meetze reviewed Japan in class so well doesn't hurt either!) The newly created O.S.S. doesn't exist on paper nor will be official until 1942 but the seeds have already been sewn. President Roosevelt and William Donovan's brainchild will be a work in progress and the dangers faced will be real and insurmountable. ***Are You Ready For the Next Step???***

4 Organization of Spies and Saboteurs: The O.S.S. Spy School Time???

"Strategy Without Information Upon Which it can Rely is Helpless"
- William J. 'Wild Bill' Donovan

(Background) President Roosevelt secretly (without Congressional approval) and General William J. Donovan created America's 1st Intelligence Agency known as the O.S.S.. Winner of the Medal of Honor in WWI, "Wild Bill" has been appointed to the Coordinator of Information (COI) position with the responsibility to keep tabs on all the intelligence activities that the U.S. Army, Navy, State Department, and FBI (as well as a few other agencies) were involved with. Under the leadership of 'Wild Bill' a secret training program for his undercover operatives known as 'Camp X' was located in Canada about 30 miles outside of Toronto in order to hone espionage and military skills.

(Task) Cite a minimum of 5 pieces of evidence detailing your education under the tutelage of the 'Shanghai Buster' Fearless Dan. Good Luck!!

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Blitzkrieg Tactics

September 1939

“If the Tanks Succeed, then Victory Follows!” - Field Marshall Heinz Guderian

(Background) As an agent of the O.S.S. (future CIA) you have been sent to Europe to ‘assist’ the Allies to shore up their defenses. Unfortunately, the Nazi’s have unleashed a wave of terror utilizing a new tactic which can only be described as ‘Blitzkrieg’. Are the German’s invincible? (It certainly seems so!!) Witnessing the German onslaught first hand your intelligence will be invaluable back in America once we eventually find a ‘Backdoor to the War’!

(Task) Use your Blitzkrieg Tactics Articles, Invasion of Poland Article, and your Notes from class cite a minimum of 5 pieces of evidence which prove ‘Lighting War’ is truly as ‘awesome’ as Hitler claims it to be.

** Historical Note: Advisors from the U.S. played important parts during the Invasion of Poland **

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Winter War..... in Finland?

December 1939

“The Wolves Will Eat Well This Winter!” - Anonymous Finnish Officer

(Background) The Russian Red Army outnumbered your Finnish Allies 50-1. Are you scared? Of course not, you have Caribou, Skis, and Sled Dogs on your side. As an O.S.S. liaison of the **Finish Peoples Reserve Army** you have a duty to train your men the tactics that will hold off the mighty Red Army until common sense or the League of Nations intervenes. Surviving 2 weeks at the **Army’s Arctic Training** center in a series of war games against Eskimos, (*Yes Eskimos!*) use these newly learned skills’ and techniques control this harsh environment and unleash your Guerilla Warfare tricks on your way to creating over 1 Million frozen Russian stumps.

(Task) Use the Winter War 1939 Interactive Activity from your Supplemental Packet to create a plan of attack a to Cut off an isolated Red Army squad as the basis for your Journal. Be sure to cite a minimum of 5 pieces of evidence from which Difficulties of Winter War article to provide background for your character.

Journal Entry #7

Battle of Britain

Summer 1940-Spring 1941

“The Battle of France is Over. The Battle of Britain is about to Begin. Upon this Battle Depends the Future of Christian Civilization!” - Winston Churchill

(Background) After your narrow escape from Dunkirk you have been **‘Lended and Leased’** to England a part of their homeland security. Thanks to your 1 month Arial Training Program with Legendary Commander **Jimmy Doolittle** you have the skills to take on the luftwaffe. When the call from the observer post comes in and R.A.D.A.R. confirms the number of bandits you know what you have to do. The question is what will you fly today the **Hurricane or the Spitfire**. As the German Luftwaffe approaches you pray you made the right decision. Hopefully Ben Affleck isn’t in your squad or this could be it!!

(Task) Cite a minimum of 5 pieces of Evidence using the Rules for Air War, WWII British and German Airplane Schematics, and Articles involving the ‘Dowding Defense System’ to successfully survive your 1st Dog Fight in the Battle of Britain.