

“The U.S. Enters the War”

WWII

Journal Entries #8-11

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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**.

#8

The Siege of Leningrad

Fall 1941-Winter 1942

“The Enemy of my Enemy is My Friend” - Chandragupta

(Background) 20 years ago during the **Russian Red & White Civil War** U.S. Soldiers were caught ‘red handed’ operating on Soviet Land against Lenin’s own Red Guard. Times have certainly changed as the city named after the Soviet’s ‘Original Father’ is completely surrounded; cut off from the rest of the ‘Motherland’. The Soviets ‘New Father’, **Stalin** has left his people for dead. Only **Marshal Zhukov’s ‘People’s Army’** and a few OSS advisors are left to deal with the Nazi juggernaut. Completely surrounded, starving, and isolated from the rest of **‘Mother Russia’** you and your men must hold the city and keep law & order in a city literally searching for its humanity. To think one year ago you were fighting for your life against the Red Army now your defender her. Go figure.

(Task) Cite a minimum of 5 pieces of evidence from your Barbarossa readings recalling Hitler’s destruction of the Soviet people and the survivors of the Siege of Leningrad.

#9

Response to Pacific War

Dec 1941-May 1942

“Yesterday, December 7th, 1941 -- a date which will live in infamy -- the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan.” -FDR

(Background) While FDR asked Congress to approve a Declaration of War with the Japan you have been temporarily recalled from Europe and are being sent to Washington to help ‘assess the immediate situation in the Pacific’. Privately you have condemned ‘Plan Dog’ for focusing too much on Hitler and his Nazi thugs while realizing the potential Japanese threat which was much closer to home. The Attacks on the Pacific Navy at **Pearl Harbor**, the U.S. Army in the **Philippines**, and the Marines at **Wake Island** while committing atrocities to soldiers and civilians and soldiers alike confirm your beliefs causing many of your friends and family to join the cause.

(Task) Cite a minimum of 5 pieces of evidence from your Unit III Packs as you respond to the events of Pearl Harbor discussing your personal feelings as we begin the War in the Pacific.

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Jungle War in the Pacific

August 1942

“Before we're through with them, the Japanese language will be spoken only in hell” - Admiral ‘Bull’ Halsey

(Background) August 1942: The Bloody battles of the Pacific were fought on the Air, Land, and Sea pitting the U.S. forces against the Imperial Japanese Military. Some of the most vicious fighting of the war took place on remote islands including the Solomon Islands during the 6 month Battle of Guadalcanal. Conditions in this humid jungle region was some of the worst encountered by U.S. forces during the entire war. Against the greatest jungle fighter in the world what chance do you and your men have against the ultimate Guerilla fighter and any potential ‘Banzi’ charges you may encounter?

(Task) Cite a minimum of 5 pieces of evidence from both your Jungle War Article and Guadalcanal Battle plan as you describe the difficulties the Marines and the U.S. Navy faced as they began the daunting task of Island Hopping in the Pacific.

#11

The Battle of Stalingrad

Fall 1942

“A thousand years hence, every German will speak with awe of Stalingrad and remember that it was there that Germany put the seal on her victory.”

-Joseph Goebbels

(Background) Stalin’s personal city is under siege and the ‘Enemy is at the Gates’. The line has been drawn in the snow; the German’s may crawl into the city but will never be allowed to escape. The fate of Mother Russia is now in your hands. As a member of the O.S.S. you have been allowed further into the ranks of the Red Army than any other foreigner. Your rag tag band of snipers needs to convince the Nazi’s to turn back to Berlin.’ Can you and your men (and women) survive the most violent conflict on the Eastern Front? Using your less than honorable guerilla warfare tactics how far will you go to save a city and at what cost your soul?

(Task) Cite a minimum of 5 pieces of evidence from your Unit IV Stalingrad articles discussing the difficulties with Urban Warfare for soldiers during WWII.