**WWII Internet Research Project**

**Background:** The failure of the western democracies to stop the rise of aggressive dictators after the First World War led to the rise of fascist leaders prior to the Second World War. The Second World War was a worldwide conflict fought from 1939 until 1945 between the Allied Powers and the Axis Powers. World War II resulted in the deaths of over sixty million people.

**Task:** Create a PowerPoint/Google Slide Presentation to demonstrate your understanding of the impact of WWII.

**Directions and Goals:** For this activity you will profile six influential leaders who led waring nations during WWII along with choosing an additional topic of focus from the provided list below. When choosing your leaders you must choose three men who led their nation under the banner of the Allied Powers and three men who led the Axis Powers and profile them.

**Procedure:**

**Leadership Profile**

For each of your leaders your slides (one leader per slide) must include the following information:

1. The name of the leader
2. A picture of the leader
3. The name of the country they led
4. Their years of service as the leader
5. Their political alliance (Allied or Axis Powers)
6. A brief summary focusing on their key contributions/impact during WWII

**Leaders to Choose from:**

**Allied Powers-**Winston Churchill-Great Britan, Franklin Rooselvelt-America, Joseph Stalin-USSR and Charles de Gaulle-France

**Axis Powers-**Adolf Hitler-Germany, Benito Mussolini-Italy, Hediki Tojo-Japan and Francisco Franco-Spain

**Topics of Focus**

For this portion of the project you will select one area of focus and create a slide addressing each of the bullit points below.

1. The Rise and Reign of Dictatorships: How did dictatorships rise to power in the 1930s? Once in power, how did they rule?

* Benito Mussolini & Fascism
* Adolf Hitler & The Rise of the Nazi Party
* Josef Stalin & Life in Soviet Russia
* Japanese Imperialism & the Co-Prosperity Sphere

1. Warfare During WWII:

* Blitzkrieg & Germany Conquers Europe
* Advances in Technology During WWII
* The Battle of Britain and The London Blitz
* Operation Barbarossa & The Invasion of the Soviet Union
* The Pearl Harbor Attack & The End of American Isolationism
* The War in the Pacific (Island-Hopping, Okinawa, Iwo Jima)
* D-Day (The Allied Invasion of Normandy)

1. Controversy in War:

* The Internment of Japanese Americans in the United States
* The Allied Bombing of Dresden
* Japan’s Treatment of Enemy Soldiers (Bataan Death March)
* The Decision to use the atomic bomb on Hiroshima & Nagasaki

1. The Holocaust:

* Anti-Semitism & Propaganda in Nazi Germany
* Dr. Josef Mengele & Nazi Medical Experiments
* Jewish Resistance & The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising
* Did the U.S. do enough to help the Jews?
* Hitler’s Final Solution: Why did he almost succeed?
* The Nuremberg Trials: Was Justice Served?

**Make sure you address the following areas**:

* ***Historical Background****:* 
  + What conditions and events happened before your topic that influenced your topic?
* ***Historical Detail****:* 
  + Research the details of your topic?
  + What happened?
  + How do we know? What evidence do we have?
* ***Analysis****:* 
  + Analyze the different issues and opinions your topic.
  + Look at your topic from a variety of perspectives.
* ***Historical Impact & Significance****:* 
  + What was the impact of your event on history?
  + Analyze the historical significance of your event? What lessons can be learned from your event?

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  4. Avoid large paragraphs instead use focused complete sentences
  5. Use bullet points to separate your information
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