

World War II: Analyzing Motives

What you will do

- Graphically represent how and why an Allied and an Axis country participated in World War II.
- Compare the motives of two major powers engaged in the conflict.

What you will need

One handout:

Poster Scoring Guide (</portal/Launch?worksheetid=16>)

Textbooks or other valid resources to use as references

Poster board, markers, or other materials for constructing posters

Web Sites:

Note: some links direct you to external web sites. These sites and their content are not controlled by SAS.

The Causes of World War II in Europe: Hitler's War

(http://assets.pearsonglobalschools.com/asset_mgr/current/201214/HistoryCausesPracticesandEffectsofWarsChapter6.1)

World War Two (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/worldwars/wwtwo/>)

Overview of World War II (<http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/era.cfm?eraid=15&smtid=1>)

How you will do it

1. Choose a major participant from the Allied side: France, England, the Soviet Union, China, or the United States; also select one country from the Axis side: Germany, Japan, or Italy.
2. Use the suggested web sites, textbooks, and other resources to investigate the reasons why these two countries became involved in World War II. Determine how and when they entered the conflict and what they hoped to gain from their participation in the war.
3. Create a poster for each country based on the required elements in the Poster Scoring Guide (</portal/Launch?worksheetid=16>).
4. Present your posters by summarizing the information and drawing comparisons between the countries.

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