

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Class:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Due Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Introduction

Welcome to our World War 2 homework assignment! In this activity, you will learn about the main causes and events of World War 2. You will explore the key factors that led to the outbreak of war, the major events of the conflict, and the impact of the war on the world.

Mixed Ability Differentiation:

- **Foundation:** Complete activities 1 and 2, and answer questions 1-3
- **Core:** Complete activities 1-3, and answer questions 1-5
- **Extension:** Complete activities 1-4, and answer questions 1-7, including the additional challenge question

## Background Information

World War 2 was a global conflict that lasted from 1939 to 1945, involving most of the world's nations, including all of the great powers. The war was fought between two main alliances: the Allies, which consisted of the United States, Great Britain, and the Soviet Union, and the Axis powers, which included Germany, Italy, and Japan.

### Activity 1: Causes of World War 2

Read the following text and answer the questions:

"The policy of appeasement, followed by Britain and France, allowed Germany to remilitarize the Rhineland and annex Austria without facing any significant opposition. This emboldened Hitler, who then invaded Czechoslovakia, leading to the Munich Agreement. The invasion of Poland in 1939 finally prompted Britain and France to declare war on Germany."

1. What was the policy of appeasement? (**Foundation, Core, Extension**)

2. How did the policy of appeasement affect Hitler's actions? (**Foundation, Core, Extension**)

3. What event finally prompted Britain and France to declare war on Germany? (**Foundation, Core, Extension**)

## Activity 1 Answers

Answer key:

- 1. The policy of appeasement was a policy of giving in to Germany's demands in the hope of avoiding war.
- 2. The policy of appeasement emboldened Hitler, making him more aggressive in his actions.
- 3. The invasion of Poland in 1939 finally prompted Britain and France to declare war on Germany.

## Activity 2 - Major Events of World War 2

Create a timeline of the major events of World War 2, including:

- The invasion of Poland
- The Battle of Britain
- The invasion of the Soviet Union
- The attack on Pearl Harbor
- The D-Day invasion of Normandy
- The dropping of the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki

Mixed Ability Differentiation:

- **Foundation:** Complete a simplified timeline with 3-4 events
- **Core:** Complete a detailed timeline with 6-7 events
- **Extension:** Complete a comprehensive timeline with 8-10 events and include a short description of each event

### Activity 3 - Impact of World War 2

Write a short essay (approx. 150-200 words) on the impact of World War 2 on the world. Consider the following points:

- The human cost of the war
- The destruction of cities and infrastructure
- The impact on the global economy
- The formation of the United Nations

Mixed Ability Differentiation:

- **Foundation:** Write a short paragraph (approx. 50-100 words) on one of the points above
- **Core:** Write a short essay (approx. 150-200 words) on two of the points above
- **Extension:** Write a comprehensive essay (approx. 250-300 words) on all four points above

#### Activity 4 - Historical Figure Study (Extension)

Choose a key figure from World War 2, such as Winston Churchill, Adolf Hitler, or Joseph Stalin. Research and write a short biography (approx. 100-150 words) on the figure, including their role in the war and their significance in history.

## Extension Activities

### **Additional Challenge Question (Extension)**

What were the main differences between the Axis and Allied powers, and how did these differences affect the outcome of the war?

### **Creative Project (Extension)**

Create a piece of artwork, such as a poster or a comic strip, that depicts a key event or theme from World War 2. Write a short explanation (approx. 50-100 words) of the artwork and its significance.

## Success Criteria

To successfully complete this assignment, you will need to:

- Demonstrate a clear understanding of the main causes and events of World War 2
- Complete all required activities and questions to a good standard
- Use evidence from the texts and resources to support your answers
- Meet the requirements of the mixed ability differentiation level you are working at



## Parent/Guardian Notes

To support your child with this assignment, you can:

- Encourage them to read and analyze the provided texts and resources
- Help them to organize their time and complete the activities and questions
- Encourage them to use their own knowledge and understanding of World War 2 to support their answers
- Review their work and provide feedback on their progress

## Time Management Guidelines

This assignment is estimated to take 30-40 minutes to complete. To manage your time effectively, you can:

- Read and analyze the texts and resources (10 minutes)
- Complete activities 1 and 2 (15 minutes)
- Complete activity 3 (10 minutes)
- Complete activity 4 (if extension) (10-15 minutes)

## Self-Assessment Opportunities

As you complete this assignment, you can assess your own understanding of the main causes and events of World War 2 by:

- Checking your answers against the success criteria
- Reviewing your work and identifying areas for improvement
- Reflecting on what you have learned and what you would like to learn more about