

BATTLEFIELDS OF WAR = 40 pts.

In this activity, your group is to report back to the class about one of the key battles of World War II.

Here is the important information you will be expected to include in your report:

Basic Pre-Battle information:

10 pts.

1. When did this battle take place?
2. Why is this particular battle significant?
3. How did the year (the date) of your battle impact strategy which was used? (For example, large numbers of fresh troops versus a slowly dwindling supply of worn down troops, which countries were involved at this point in the war)

Geography:

10 pts

1. Explain the effect the climate and geography had upon the strategic planning of the battle. Describe the climate, geography and weather conditions during the battle. Did the climate and geography benefit one more country more than the other? Explain your answer.
2. Did these conditions have an effect upon the outcome of the battle?

The Aftermath: Gains/Losses:

10 pts.

1. Who has history considered to be victorious? Why?
2. What did each country gain due to the battle?
3. What did each country lose due to the battle? For example, human life toll (citizens and soldiers), economical loss, and land destruction.
4. In your opinion, how could the course of the war be altered if the results would have emerged as a victory for the other side? Explain your answer.

Presentation:

10 pts

Map transparencies will be made available for your report.

Here is the list of the battles we will study:

Group 1: Pearl Harbor

Group 2: Battle of Britain

Group 3: Battle of Midway

Group 4: Battle of Stalingrad

Group 5: Invasion of Italy

Group 6: Battle of the Bulge

Group 7: D-Day

Group 8: Island Hopping

WW II Battle Scoring Rubric

Battle:

Group Members:

40 points total

Part One: Pre-Battle Information

- _____ 5 Provides detailed information about the significance of the battle
- _____ 4 Provides information about the battle
- _____ 3 Provides information about the battle which is limited

Part Two: Geography

- _____ 5 Group is able to explain the effect that climate and geography had upon the battle
- _____ 4 Group is able to explain the effect of climate and geography but fails to elaborate
- _____ 3 Group understanding of the effect climate and geography had on the battle is limited.

Part Three: Battle Aftermath

- _____ 5 Provides a concise explanation of the significance this battle had upon the war.
- _____ 4 Provides an explanation of the significance of the battle
- _____ 3 Understanding of the battle's significance is limited.

Part Four: Presentation

- _____ 5 Presentation is well organized and interesting.
- _____ 4 Group presents information in a logical sequence.
- _____ 3 Group has difficulty in presenting the material.

Total Points _____/40