

History 12  
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**Causes of WW II and Events in WW II Unit  
Assignment #4 "The End of War"**

For the Causes of WW II and WW II Unit, students are required to respond to one (1) question out of the variety of choices. Each of the questions require you to make a decision, not tell me a story of what happened.

Each Assignment Must Be:

- Word processed
- A maximum of 500 words
- Edited for mistakes and to ensure clarity

**Due Dates for Assignment #4:** Block 4: Thursday, March 4, 2010  
Blocks 6: Monday, March 1, 2010

<b>Dates (Includes Block and Date):</b>	<b>Topics Covered &amp; Textbook Pages to be Covered By All Students (2007/2008 Textbook)</b>
Block 1,2: Friday Feb 15 Block 6,7,8: Monday Feb 18	1. D-Day p. 217-222 2. Western Allies Advance p. 230-237 3. Red-Army Advances p. 223-229 4. Yalta Conference p. 255-257
Block 1,2: Tuesday Feb 19 Block 6,7,8: Wednesday Feb 20	1. Japan Threatened p. 238-246 2. Potsdam Conference p. 257-259 3. Atomic Bomb p. 246-248
Block 1,2: Thursday Feb 21 Block 6,7,8: Monday Feb 25	1. The Final Solution p. 249-252 2. The United Nations p. 269-273

**Activity Topics for Assignment #4**

1. There are many reasons given to explain why Germany lost the war.
  - Hitler's mistakes throughout the war
  - The material and manpower advantage of the Allies
  - Advanced military technology of the Allies
  - Other reasons that you can come up with or discover that explains why they lost the war

Decide which explanation(s) **best explain why the Allies were able to win the war in Europe.**  
You must develop criteria that explain what the best explanation for losing a war includes.

2. There are many reasons given to explain why Japan lost the war in the Pacific.
  - They had overextended themselves by capturing too much territory in the Pacific and couldn't defend all of that territory
  - Japan lacked the resources to fight an industrial giant like the United States
  - American strategy and technology overwhelmed Japan.
  - Other reasons that you can come up with or discover that explains why they lost the war

Decide which explanation(s) **best explain why the Allies were able to win the war in Asia**. You must develop criteria that explain what the best explanation for losing a war includes.

- To what extent did the Yalta and Potsdam Conferences initiate the Cold War between the Western Allies and the Soviet Union? To answer this question you must do exactly what a “to what extent question” requires you to do. You must also make sure that you define and describe what the Cold War is and create criteria for what events might initiate a “Cold War” between former allies.

**Marking Rubric**

Categories	Incomplete/Does Not Meet Expectations 1	Approaching Expectations 2	Meeting Expectations 3	Exceeding Expectations 4
<b>Important Background Information About the Topic is Outlined in the Introduction (i.e. what has happened in the war up to this point?)</b>	Background information is not included in the assignment	Limited background information is provided, or the information included is not important, or includes some inaccuracies	Background information about topic is provided, but some important information might be missing, or too much information is outlined	All important background information about the topic is included
<b>Criteria For the Topic is Defined and is Sophisticated Enough to Helps Student Make a Reasonable Decision</b>	Criteria is not defined or discussed	Some criteria is included, but it is too simplistic to help student make a reasonable decision	Criteria for the topic is defined, but some of the criteria is not sophisticated enough to help student make a reasonable decision	Criteria for the topic is defined and is sophisticated enough to help student make a reasonable decision
<b>Decision Made in Assignment is Historically Plausible and Supported With Solid Reasoning and Explanation</b>	Decision made is not plausible, and/or reasoning is flawed or explanations are incomplete	Decision made is somewhat plausible, reasoning and explanations are inadequate	Decision made is plausible, but reasoning is partially flawed or explanations are lacking full explanation	Decision is historically plausible, and is supported by solid reasoning and explanations
<b>Decision is Supported by Relevant and Accurate Evidence</b>	No evidence is present in the writing	Decision is supported by limited evidence, or evidence is irrelevant or inaccurate	Decision is supported by some relevant and accurate evidence	Decision is supported by relevant and accurate evidence
<b>Assignment answers all required sections and is:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Word Processed <input type="checkbox"/> Edited <input type="checkbox"/> Maximum of 500 words	Assignment is incomplete and does not meet requirements for mechanics and organization	Some required sections of the question are incomplete and is either not edited, word processed or surpasses word limit.	Assignment answers all required sections, but is either not word processed, edited or goes over word requirement	Assignment includes all required sections and standards

TOTAL:                      /20