



ISD Virtual Learning

10th/World History

April 7, 2020



Grade/Course

Lesson: April 7, 2020

Objective/Learning Target: The student will be able to describe the major battles of WWII in the European theatre.

Warm Up

Below is a list of 6 pieces of technology used in WWII.

Rank them in order of most useful (1) to least useful (6) *in WWII specifically*. Write a short explanation of why you think they would be useful or not.

Airplane

Cavalry (riders on horses)

Flame Thrower

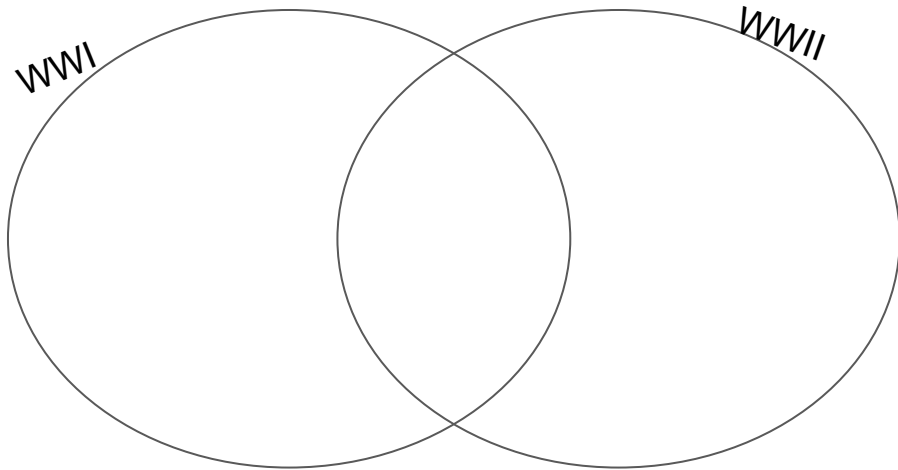
Machine Gun

Submarine

Tank

Warm Up

Watch the video to the right. On your notes, make a Venn Diagram like below and take notes on similarities and differences between the two wars. Pause as needed. *Note: up until 1:40 there is just background, the comparison starts at 1:40.*



Lesson Activity

Today you will learn about different theatres of war.

Theatres, in this sense, means different locations that battles were fought.

Because WWII was a global war, there were many different theatres.

For today's lesson you will need:

- A writing utensil
- Piece of paper for notes, or a Google doc if you prefer to take notes electronically.

Draw a table in your notes like the one on the next slide.

Name of Battle	Description of Events	Effects of the Battle	Rank of Significance and Why

Lesson Activity

Now that you have written a frame for your note-taking, please use the link below to fill in information to decide which battle was the most significant and why. If you would rather watch YouTube videos on the battles instead of reading, those can be found in “Additional Practice/Resources” on the last slide.

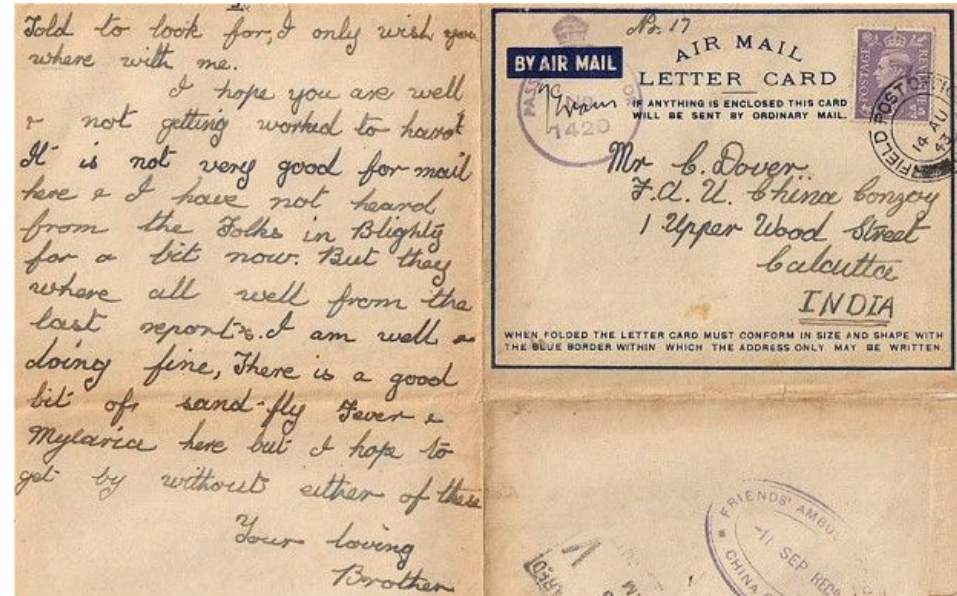
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Practice

Next we will read some letters from WWII soldiers written during their time at war. Would letters from soldiers be a primary or secondary source?

As you read, think about what the conditions of life were like for soldiers.



Letters would be a PRIMARY source because they were written as events happened.

Practice

December 24, 1944

Dear Mom,

It's the evening before Christmas, but it's quite hard to realize this. I'll just sort of skip this year and we'll all celebrate twice as much next year. We stayed in a fine building last night. And may tonight. It's funny how much a building can mean. This is the first one we've been in since our arrival on the continent. Most of the people here seem to be quite glad to see us. They throw fruit to us. I don't think they're throwing it at us. And we wave quite happily. I hope you and Dad and Grandma all have a happy holiday and that you don't worry too much about me. I'm really quite all right. And even enjoying my little trip up to now very much.

Love,

Burnett

- Why do you think the author says he will “skip” Christmas?
- Why do you think the building is so important to him to sleep in?

Practice

Feb 16 1944

Dearest Tony and Vic:

I am in the best of health and I hope to hear the same from you and the babies always. ... I think of you always even though I don't write as often as I should. I could just picture us all sitting down together eating talking and enjoying ourselves as soon as this war is over and that won't be long now. ... Don't worry about writing to me because Olga does a very good job writing. ... Take good care of mom for me and I will send you a souvenir from Italy as soon as I get the chance ... I guess I have said enough for one day, so give my love to Mom, Teresa, Olga, Tommy, Donna, Thomas, Jr. and give my regards to all the relatives and friends ...

Your loving brother always,

Babe

- He writes about a pretty boring event (eating dinner together) as one he really misses, why do you think that is?
- Soldiers sometimes censored their letters home so as not to worry people back home, do you think he was doing this here?

Practice

April 30, 1944

Dearest Mom and Family:

Last night I received about ten letters. ... It was certainly good to hear from all of you and also the good news about Dom getting 6 months (deferment). ... Boy I almost broke down myself hearing all the good news. I'm glad you enjoyed yourselves Easter. As for myself, I had a good time. ... Don't worry about my money situation, because there isn't a thing to spend it on here in Anzio. ...

Tell Aunt Lucy that there is nothing to worry about, because it is safe here and the ocean is very, very safe. ... Well, I've said enough for one day so take care of yourselves ...

Love, Babe

- Babe's family said about his letters "“Most of the information that we got which was practically nothing was through Babe's letters,” his brother Thomas Ciarlo said. “He never mentioned a word about what he was doing, where he was. Course, at the time, you couldn't say much about where you were anyway. But it was always the up side. He always had that upbeat outlook about him.”"

Additional Resources

- [Battle of Britain](#)
- [D-Day: Operation Overlord](#)
- [Battle of Stalingrad](#)
- [Battle of the Bulge](#)
- [Battle of Midway](#)