

This Is Not A Formal Research Paper. (luckily for you!!!!!!!!!!!!!!)

Group Poster Project on Selected WWII topics (50 points)

In order to give you the opportunity to further research an aspect of WWII and its affect on America, I am allowing (i.e. requiring☺) you to work on a collaborative project with 4 other group members (please, no need for thanks). There will be some time in class for research, but this project will require some independent research. There will be much information found in the book, but I expect that there will be additional research from the library and/or Internet (each group should have at least 4 sources beyond the textbook). Students will be expected to have thoroughly analyzed and become experts on their topic. You will be asked to present a poster and teach your findings to the class. Your audience will be busily taking notes, since your presentation will help them on the test. Lastly, to make sure all group members have participated, you will be required to write an essay prompt on your topic in class (I will have chosen this directly from your presentation).

Topics, Guiding Question and Key Words and People

1. Women and Minority contributions in Combat

(Tuskegee Airmen, Navajo Code Talkers, 442nd Regiment)

2. Use of the atomic bomb

(Albert Einstein, Manhattan Project, Enola Gay, Hiroshima, Nagasaki) What were the controversies in dropping the bomb? What were the controversies of dropping the second bomb? What were the effects?

3. Japanese Internment

(General Dewitt, Executive Order 9066, Issei, Nissei, Hirabayashi v United States, Korematsu v. United States, Public law 100-383) What were the assumptions leading to internment? What were the controversies? What was life like in the camps? What were the effects?

4. Civil Rights and Racial Tensions (minus Japanese Internment) at home

(A. Philip Randolph, March on Washington Movement, NAACP, Executive order 8802, Core, FEPC, Bloody Monday, Zoot Suits) What were the goals of the early civil rights movement? What were their accomplishments? What was the racial mood in the nation?

5. The Wartime Economy

(NWLB, Rationing, Bonds, deficit spending) What role did the government have in the economy? How did the government reduce demand and pay for the war? What were people spending their money on? (i.e. entertainment)

6. Women at home and family stresses

(Rosy the Riveter) What was women's role in society during the war? How about after the War? How did the war effect the family?

7. Migratory patterns at home

(Boomtowns) Where were people migrating and why?

8. US and Soviet relations during the war

(Postdam, Yalta, Hiroshima/Nagasaki) How strong was the alliance during the war? Were there any resentments? What were the turning points in the US/Soviet relationship?