**World War II Battle of the Battles**

**Directions:** Your group will be assigned one major battle from World War II. After spending a few days in class researching the topic, your group will become the resident **experts** in order to prepare and present an 12-15 minute ***lesson*** on your specific battle and will act as the **class’ lesson** on that particular battle—there will be no additional lecture, so be sure to be as comprehensive as possible*.*

*Each member of your group must participate in both the planning and the presentation itself.*

The purpose of this activity is to provide your peers with an understanding of major WWII battles through creative and engaging lessons.

**Your lesson must include the following:**

It is up to your group how the lesson is presented to the class. Use the class brainstorm list to decide how your group wants to teach the class about your specific battle. Within your selected lesson you must have the following:

1. A map showing the battle’s location relative to the rest of the front/Europe. Be creative.

2. Provide a general timeline explaining the battle’s relationship to World War II.

3. Explain the battle (who, why, how—what is the plan and desired outcome, successful?)

4. Explain the importance of the battle and what impact it had on World War II.

5. End the lesson with 2 or 3 questions that review the key pieces of your battle.

6. Your lesson must fit within 12-15 minutes, going under or over this time limit will result in loss of points. This time does not include answering clarifying questions from the audience.

7. Have fun with this, make it worthwhile for your audience by including an interactive activity! (***No Repeats by presenters***…)

**Battle of the Battles:**

There will be a *WINNER* of the battles project! This will based on two separate criteria:

* The class will vote on which lesson they enjoyed the most and felt they learned the most from – guest judges?
* Review questions answered correctly by class.

\*\*See the rubric for how your lesson will be graded, read it carefully.\*\*

|  |
| --- |
| Battle Project Schedule |
| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|  |  |  |  | April 28Intro & Exploration |
| May 1In-class work time | May 2In-class work time Selection Tuesday | May 3In-class work time | May 4In-class work time | May 5In-class work time |
| May 8Presentations:Winter War/Weserubung | May 9Presentations:Battle of France/Britain | May 10Presentations:Barbarossa/El-Alamein | May 11Presentations:Overlord/Ardennes | May 12Presentations:Dresden/Berlin |

Battles List

1. The Winter War
2. Operation Weserubung
3. Case Yellow, Battle of France & Operation Dynamo
4. Battle of Britain & Operation Sea Lion
5. Operation Barbarossa, the Siege of Leningrad & and The Battle of Stalingrad
6. Battle of El-Alamein & Operation Torch
7. Operation Overlord
8. Ardennes Offensive
9. Firebombing of Dresden
10. Fall of Berlin