

Student Handout: Unit 2 Lesson 4



The Holocaust and World War II Newspaper

Suggested time: 2 Hours

What's important in this lesson:

The tragedy of the Holocaust occurred because of anti-Semitism and a Nazi government that ruthlessly organized and perpetrated the mass murders. Through the newspaper assignment in this lesson, will help you develop a more complete picture of the many events of World War II.

Complete these steps:

1. Your teacher will highlight features of local newspapers and the characteristics of news articles. As you go over the newspaper assignment, make sure you understand requirements.
2. Following the instructions on Handout 1 "World War II Newspaper Assignment", write and design a newspaper that would have been published during World War II. Your newspaper will consist of five articles focusing on the Holocaust. Taking time with writing process will result in a higher quality newspaper:
 - Take accurate research notes
 - Select newsworthy events and facts for your news articles
 - Organize your information so that the most important facts are in your headline and first (lead) paragraph of each news article.
 - Write short paragraphs of 1 or 2 sentences.
 - Include quotations from witnesses or experts. This is the only place opinions can get into news articles.

Hand-in the following to your teacher:

1. World War II Newspaper Assignment.

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Questions for the teacher:

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World War II Newspaper Assignment

Create a newspaper that people might have read when the Allies discovered the concentration camps during World War II. Your newspaper will contain five newspaper stories based on actual events and facts from World War II. Lay these out to create a newspaper which looks as if it was printed during World War II.

Requirements:

1. **Name of Newspaper** -
 - This could be the name of a local newspaper in your community or a name you have made up

2. **News Articles** -
 - Write five (5) news articles, one on each of the topics below and based on actual events and facts from World War II.
 - Articles should be lead news that would appear on the front page of a newspaper.
 - Length: 100-200 words
 - Topics:
 - Holocaust: Discovery of the Camps
 - Hitler's Final Solution
 - Holocaust: A Survivor's Experience
 - Holocaust: A Soldier's Experience
 - Key Battles/Events from the end of the war

3. **Authenticity** –
 - Make it look as realistic as possible.

Resources: Text book
Scrapbook: Canadians at War, 1939-45
Internet

Marking Scheme:

Required Elements -	/15 marks	(Thinking - Inquiry)
Historical Facts -	/20 marks	(Knowledge)
Grammar/Sentence Structure -	/5 marks	(Communication)
Creativity/Appearance -	/10 marks	(Application)
	50 marks	