

# Critical Thinking Skills

## World War II

Skills For Critical Thinking		Why Do We Remember WWII?	Background & Causes	Germany's Role in the War	Major Battles	New Weapons of War	The End of War
LEVEL 1 Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recall Details</li> <li>Match</li> <li>Sequence</li> </ul>	✓ ✓	✓	✓ ✓		✓	✓
LEVEL 2 Comprehension	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compare &amp; Contrast</li> <li>Summarize</li> <li>State Main Idea</li> <li>Describe</li> <li>Interpret</li> </ul>	✓	✓	✓ ✓	✓ ✓	✓ ✓	✓
LEVEL 3 Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Choose Information</li> <li>Identify Outcomes</li> <li>Apply Concepts Learned</li> <li>Make Connections</li> </ul>	✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LEVEL 4 Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draw Conclusions</li> <li>Identify Supporting Evidence</li> <li>Make Inferences</li> <li>Identify Cause &amp; Effect</li> <li>Identify Relationships</li> </ul>	✓	✓ ✓	✓	✓	✓ ✓	✓
LEVEL 5 Synthesis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prediction</li> <li>Design</li> <li>Create</li> </ul>	✓ ✓	✓	✓	✓ ✓		✓
LEVEL 6 Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Defend an Opinion</li> <li>Make Judgements</li> <li>Explain</li> </ul>	✓ ✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ ✓	✓

Based on Bloom's Taxonomy



# Why Do We Remember World War Two?

**W**orld War Two began when Germany **invaded** Poland on September 1, 1939. For the second time in twenty-seven years the world was at war. Many people thought it was not possible to have another world war. World War One was known as “the war that will end war”. World War Two was a terrible, **expensive**, and tragic war.

**World War One was called “the war that will end war”. Why do you think another major war happened so soon after World War One?**




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World War Two lasted six years. Over 200 countries were involved. Many of these countries had soldiers fighting in battles. Other countries had land taken and their **borders** changed. The war was fought on the sea, on the land, and in the skies. Battles were fought on the Mediterranean sea, and the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. On land, battles were fought in the Soviet Union, North Africa, Western Europe, and in the Far East. The war **impacted** people all over the globe. Fifty-five million people died in battles and conflicts all over the world. The war affected the lives of almost three quarters of the earth’s population.

The war caused a great deal of harm. People were killed and injured. Property and possessions were destroyed and damaged. The **estimated** cost of the damage was close to three billion dollars **globally**.

In World War Two, many people died from the fighting. Numerous people also lost their lives because of **starvation** and **disease**. Countries were spending a lot of money on their **military** and had no money left for other public services. For example, in some places there were no police officers to help keep control. People ended up **looting** stores and committing crimes with very little punishment. There was also a lack of medical care. Doctors and nurses were needed to look after injured people. Food also became **scarce**. Stores had few items to buy. People became scared and tried to **hoard** whatever they could.

World War Two is one of the most important events in history. It is also one of the most studied world events. Many people believe that students must know what happened to ensure that such terrible events never happen again. If people can learn from the mistakes of the past, they can help to make the future better.





# Battle Sign



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