

Objective

By the end of this lesson, the student will be able to understand the key events and important figures of World War II.

Materials and Prep

- Pen and paper
- Access to a computer or library for research (optional)

No prior knowledge is required for this lesson.

Activities

- **Activity 1: Timeline Creation** - Have the student create a timeline of World War II. They can start with the years 1939-1945 and add important events and battles in chronological order. Encourage them to include key figures and countries involved.
- **Activity 2: Research a Famous Figure** - Ask the student to choose a famous figure from World War II, such as Winston Churchill or Anne Frank. Have them research and write a short biography about the person, highlighting their contributions and impact during the war.
- **Activity 3: Artistic Representation** - Have the student create a piece of artwork that represents an aspect of World War II. They can choose to draw, paint, or create a collage using images or symbols related to the war. Encourage them to explain the meaning behind their artwork.

Talking Points

- **The Start of the War** - "World War II began in 1939 when Germany invaded Poland. This event triggered a chain reaction of countries getting involved in the war."
- **Key Figures** - "There were many important figures during World War II. One of them was Winston Churchill, who was the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. He gave inspiring speeches and helped lead the Allies to victory. Another famous figure is Anne Frank, a young Jewish girl who wrote a diary while hiding from the Nazis."
- **Major Battles** - "There were several major battles during World War II. One of them was the Battle of Stalingrad, where the Soviet Union fought against Germany. It was a turning point in the war because the Soviets were able to defeat the Germans. Another important battle was the D-Day invasion, when Allied forces landed on the beaches of Normandy to liberate Europe from Nazi control."
- **The End of the War** - "World War II ended in 1945 with the surrender of Germany and Japan. The war had a huge impact on the world and led to the creation of the United Nations, an organization aimed at promoting peace and preventing future conflicts."