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## **WORLD WAR II SHORT STORY**

### **Historical Fiction**

You are going to write a short story set during the time of World War II. Since we have been looking at different texts that are from the perspective of a child & teenagers, your story must be from the same perspective. Your story can be about anything that connects to World War II.

#### **REQUIREMENTS:**

- Setting
  - o Time: During World War II 1930's-1940's
  - o Place: A Country Impacted By World War II
- Perspective:
  - o First Person
  - o Perspective of a Child or Teenager
  - o Include Their Understanding Of The War
- Problem:
  - o Must Connect to World War II
  - o Highlight Injustice or Devastating Impact of World War II
- Solution:
  - o Something a young individual could do

There are two different types of prewriting strategies you could use to write this essay. You must choose one. After the writing process, you are going to reflect on how the brainstorming strategies did or did not help you during the writing process.

**DIRECTIONS:** Read the following questions. Answer them throughout the writing process to reflect how the brainstorming & pre-writing helped you.

**BEFORE You begin writing your essay.**

1. Which brainstorming strategy did you choose? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Why did you choose this strategy?
3. How did the strategy help you organize your thoughts?

**AFTER You begin writing your essay.**

1. Do you think you chose the best strategy for you, and this assignment? YES or NO
2. How did the brainstorming strategy help you write your essay?
3. Would you use the strategy in the future? Why or why not?
4. If you were going to write this story again, would you still choose the same strategy to use? Why or why not?

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**BRAINSTORMING OPTION 1: WH QUESTIONS**

Answer the following questions about your story.

WHO is involved in your story?

WHAT is the problem your character is facing?

WHY is the character facing this problem?

WHERE is the story taking place?

WHEN during World War II does the story take place?

HOW does the character solve their problem?

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**BRAINSTORMING OPTION 2: CLUSTERING**

Use the space below to cluster and connect your ideas for your essay. Put your main topic in the middle of the page and list ideas that connect to that. Once you have finished put a box around the problem, setting, characters & solution you want to use.

