

World War II Propaganda Writing Assignment

World War II brought about the mass production of propaganda from multiple media platforms. The purpose of this writing assignment will be to analyze those platforms to gain a deeper and further understanding as to how these influenced the war. You will be writing a three paragraph essay answering a series of questions relating to World War II and propaganda. Correct use of grammar is required along with spelling and punctuation. Paragraphs must meet a length of 6-8 sentences.

Paragraph 1: What is propaganda (In your own words)? What is its purpose? How does it influence people? What was the need for it in World War II? How did the events occurring in the world bring about the need for propaganda? What were the focuses of propaganda (Topics, Countries, and Goals)?

Paragraph 2-4: (Propaganda Posters): You will pick **three** separate propaganda posters from the presentation given in class, you will answer the following for each poster. Include the image of the poster if you type it, at the bottom of the poster. If you write it, include the title of the assignment.

1. Which parts of the design catch the audience's attention?
2. What are some of the images used to connect to the viewer?
3. What symbolism is used?
4. What is the poster trying to convince the viewer of? How does it try to do this?
5. Are there any stereotypes or racial undertones used in the poster?

Paragraph 5: (Video Analysis): We will be viewing several World War II cartoon films from the early 1940's. You will be analyzing one of the cartoons of your choice and will answer the following questions.

1. Summarize the cartoon.
2. What is used to capture the audience's attention?
3. What symbolism is used?
4. Are there any stereotypes or racial undertones used in the poster?
5. Who would be influenced by this cartoon? Would it be effective?