

WWII Webquest

Answer each question on a separate sheet. You may type or handwrite. Answer all questions in complete sentences, and in paragraphs where indicated.

A. Operation Paperclip—Read the article and answer the questions.

<http://nypost.com/2014/02/01/behind-the-secret-plan-to-smuggle-nazi-scientists-to-america/>

1. What was operation paper clip?
2. Write a 1 paragraph reflection on whether you feel the program was a good idea, or if the Nazis should have been put on trial instead.

B. Adolf Eichmann—Read the story about Nazis and justice.

<http://www.ushmm.org/wlc/en/article.php?ModuleId=10007412>

3. Who was Eichmann? What did he do and where did he go after WWII? What happened to him after he was tried?

C. Rape of Nanking

4. What was the Rape of Nanking? How did the Japanese soldiers view the Chinese POWs? Why?

<http://www.historyplace.com/worldhistory/genocide/nanking.htm>

5. Select 3 different sources, and read what they witnessed. In a paragraph, describe what they witnessed.

<http://www.womenundersiegeproject.org/conflicts/profile/nanking>

6. What happened to those responsible at the trial? What happened to Matsuire and Hirota? Was it a fair judgment? Why?

<https://www.facinghistory.org/nanjing-atrocities/judgment-memory-legacy/responsibility-command>

D. Nuremberg Trials

<http://www.history.com/topics/world-war-ii/nuremberg-trials>

7. What was the purpose of the trials?
8. In the “Major War Criminals” Trial, what were the verdicts of the defendants?

9. What is the legacy of the Nuremberg Trials? Why are they historically significant?

E. Interactive Map: Before/After of WWII

http://www.worldology.com/Europe/world_war_2_imap.htm

Scroll over the items on the map for more information.

10. Click on 1939, then 1945. What are the major differences between Europe in 1939 and Europe in 1945?

11. Click on “WWII Casualties by Country”. Who suffered the most killed after WWII? How many people from that country died?