**World War II Scrapbook project**

**The Scene:** It’s 1945, and World War II has finally ended. It’s time for you to put your memories, good and/or bad, together. Many of your most vivid memories will be captured for your children and grandchildren to look at in the years to come.

**The Task:** Your assignment is to create an authentic looking scrapbook to share with your children & grandchildren about the whole time since the war began in 1939 until it finished in 1945.

As you design your scrapbook, consider these factors that you should include.

* World War II had an enormous impact on the culture and society of the United States.
* Why was there a second world war?
* Why and how did Americans sacrifice for World War II?

**Choose a character from each group:** select from the list below.

**In the war**:

* American soldier.
* Nurse at the front.
* Officer at a concentration camp.
* Prisoner at a concentration camp.
* A general in charge of a unit.
* A German soldier.

You have to use some of these places where your story took place.

* The Pacific (many of the soldiers here were in the Army Air Force)
* Western Europe
* North Africa (you’ll probably need to include events relating to both the US and British campaigns)
* Italy (again, you’ll probably need to include events relating to both the US and British campaigns)

**On the home front:**

* A soldier’s sweetheart following him in a specific theater of war through his letters and the news media
* A Japanese-American about to be “relocated”
* A Rosie-the-Riveter type female worker
* A scientist (or other worker) on a top secret project at Los Alamos
* A teen whose older brother signed up to fight in the war
* USO entertainer or volunteer

**The Process:**

Make sure your scrapbook includes the following:

* A description or timeline of the major events of the whole world. (fifteen major events)
* 10 authentic and relevant historic photographs (can check American Memory, Life, Time, etc.)
* 5 actual news clippings.
* 2 personal letters (for one of the characters– created & written by you, based on historical fact)
* 2 documents relevant to your experience during the period (for one of the characters) (speech, legislation, poster, etc.)
* 5 artifacts with explanations. These might include: images of your weapons (s), drawings, political cartoons, an invitation, medals, images, mock ups of draft notices, representations of clothing, badges, posters, currency, your ship, your tank, your factory, your buddies, etc.
* Every item in your scrapbook should be dated and *annotated* with at least a paragraph explaining its importance…made relevant to you whenever possible/appropriate.
* Your works cited page should appear in the back of your scrapbook.

Though your stories should be historically accurate, feel free to be creative!