

America in War Time

Writing Ideas

Ideas and Grade Level for Each Provided Below

1. After watching the video, summarize three key ideas that you learned. (3-12)
2. After watching the video, did you learn things that didn't fit with what you thought about the war or how what you already knew reinforced? Do you have new insights into the war? Write two paragraphs to answer these questions. (5-12)
3. (Korean War video) Examine the relationship between President Truman and General McArthur. Write an opinion piece detailing why (or why not) it was a good idea to fire McArthur. (9-12)
4. (Korean War video) Explain why the Korean War was fought. (9-12)
5. (Korean War video) Explain why Congress never actually declared war in Korea. (9-12)
6. Pick a war in which the US was involved and describe 3 of the weapons that were used and if they are still used today. (6-12)
7. Describe the Purple Heart medal and explain why it is given. (3-8)
8. Explain why rationing was something that went on during WWII and the Korean War (6-12)
9. How were women used in the war? Pretend to be a woman involved in the war and write five journal entries. (6-8)
10. What was it like to be a civilian in the country in which the war was being fought? (3-12)
11. Describe what each of the Presidents involved with the war had to examine before deciding to send troops. (6-12)
12. Explain what the USO does for troops. (3-8)
13. (Cuban Missile Crisis video) Describe the "13 Fateful Days" in 1962. (9-12)
14. (Cuban Missile Crisis video) Describe how the US government knew that Russia had placed planes in Cuba. (6-12)

15. (Cuban Missile Crisis video) How did the US government encourage people to deal with the possibility of a bomb. Tell about some of the commercials that were used. (9-12)
16. (Cuban Missile Crisis video) Describe what the “Cold War” meant to the United States. (9-12)
17. (Pearl Harbor video) Describe how the bombing of Pearl Harbor engaged the United States in WWII. (6-12)
18. (Pearl Harbor video) Compare and contrast the feelings of the American people who wanted to enter the war and those who didn’t (isolationists).
19. (Pearl Harbor video) Describe what it was like to be a survivor of Pearl Harbor. (6-12)
20. (Pearl Harbor video) Describe the issues for Japanese people who lived in the United States at the time of the bombing. (9-12)