

WORLD WAR I – PRIMARY SOURCE ESSAY

Ideologies of the Axis Powers

DUE Tuesday, April 23rd

DIRECTIONS: Write a well-organized essay that includes an introduction, three body paragraphs, and a conclusion. Use evidence from all 3 primary source documents to support your essay.

DOC 1: Benito Mussolini, *The Political and Social Doctrine of Fascism*, 1933

DOC 2: Adolf Hitler, *Mein Kampf* (My Struggle), 1925-1926

DOC 3: Japan's Ministry of Education, *Cardinal Principles of the National Entity of Japan*, 1937

Use information from the documents and your knowledge of World War II to write an essay in which you will:

PROMPT: Explain how the heavy psychological and economic penalties placed on Germany by the Treaty of Versailles following World War I created conditions for World War II.

Introduction

- Think about the essay prompt above and create a general overview that will familiarize the reader with your topic. Create a list of reasons WHY this claim is true. These reasons should relate to topics addressed below in Body Paragraphs 1, 2, and 3

Body Paragraph 1

- Describe the distinct paths to war experienced by Italy, Germany, and Japan. Relate these paths to your prompt.

Body Paragraphs 2 & 3

- Discuss how the political and social ideologies of the three justified their territorial expansion. Relate these ideologies back to supporting your prompt. In your discussion be sure to include the following:
 - (a) What similarities can you find in these documents?
 - (b) What differences can you identify?
 - (c) Consider especially the relationship of individuals and the state when discussing each ideology.

Conclusion

- Your connection between the essay prompt and the modern world. What general problem/issues/current events does this piece of history relate to in the world today?

FORMATTING DETAILS:

- √ Support your response with **direct quotes** from the documents. Be sure to **CITE** all quotes. Do NOT use outside references, with the exception of your history class notes.
- √ Essay must be typed, double-spaced, in 12 point font.
- √ Include a header in the upper right hand corner of your first page. Example header:

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Note: If you need assistance writing a persuasive essay, please refer to Mrs. B's English Class Website link "Persuasive Essay Format" as a guideline.