



LESSON 6.1.6 | WATCH | Crash Course World History #38 World War II

PURPOSE

In this video, you will learn about one of the more turbulent times in world history, World War II. Through improved tactics and technology, the second world war was more costly, especially in terms of human lives, as compared to the first world war.

LINK

- [Crash Course World History #38 – World War II](#)

Watch the video on your own time, either at home, on your phone, or in the library.

PREVIEW

In which John Green teaches you about World War II, aka The Great Patriotic War, aka The Big One. So, why did the Axis powers think forceful expansion was a good idea? Hint: they were hungry. So why did this thing shake out in favor of the Allies? Hint: it has to do with the fact that it was a world war. Germany and Japan made some pretty serious strategic errors, such as invading Russia and attacking the United States, and those errors meant that pretty much the whole world was against them. So, find out how this worldwide alliance came together to stop the Axis expansion. Oh, and a warning: there are a few graphic images in this episode.

PROCESS

As with all of the videos in the course, watch the video before class. Remember that John speaks quickly and you may benefit from having the captions turned on. If you missed something, have your teacher pause or rewind the video. As you watch the video, begin to consider why the Axis powers' use of forceful expansion was a good idea. Were World War I and II just a continuation of each other? Was it just one long war?



LESSON 6.1.6 | WATCH | Key Ideas – Factual

Think about the following questions as you watch the video.

1. What are the different events that could be considered the beginning of World War II?

2. What was the Rape of Nanking and why does it still matter today?

3. What was the blitzkrieg? How effective was the blitzkrieg?

4. Why was 1941 a significant year for the war?

5. How many lives were lost in the Battle of Stalingrad?



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6. What happened to the Nazi 6th Army during the Battle of Stalingrad?

7. On what date was victory in Europe declared by the Allies?

8. What was the definite cause of World War II?

9. How might German agriculture been a reason for war?

10. How many Jews did the Nazis kill during the Holocaust?

11. Why is it unfair to categorize World War II as the Allies fighting for democratic ideals against the totalitarian militaristic imperialism of the fascist Axis powers?