Memories of War Collection
Student Assignment

After you have selected your character, your job is to record the his/her thoughts or actions in the periods before, during, and after the Second World War in a three-part journal. The journal should be written in first-person (try to get into the mind of your character) and be true to the events and opinions at the time.

This is an individual project. It should take four to five 80 minute periods, including two research periods, two periods for writing, and one period for presentation.

You can consult your class history text, approved internet resources, and resources recommended by your school librarian. You will need paper on which to write your journal. You may wish to soak your paper in tea or to carefully burn the edges in order to give your journal a more authentic old feel and look.

Approach:

Develop your character. You will need to decide on the following details:

- Name
- Date of Birth
- Occupation
- Beliefs and values
- Like and dislikes

As you research the years leading up to the war, during the war, and after the war, collect details that would be relevant to your character's life. Take notes on these specific details. As well, you should record was it happening in the nation as a whole and overseas (especially, but not only, in relation to the war).

Once you have finish your research, create a timeline for your character from approximately 1938 to 1946 (timelines can start earlier than 1938 and end later, but must include at least these years) based on the information you have collection. Remember that your character's life must reflect actyal events and challenges of the time.

Choose three events from your timeline to develop into three well-written journal entries. Your entries should be written in first person, typed in a scripted font, and must be at least 200 words each.

Present your journal and timeline to the class. The timelines will be posted up in the classroom and the journal entries will be bound together and put on display in the library.