

### **JUST-A-MINUTE RULES**

# The Game

**Just-A-Minute** invites the student speaker to talk on a given topic for sixty seconds or 'Just-A-Minute,' without hesitation, repetition, or deviation. Two teams of four will compete in a challenging game that calls for strong speaking and listening skills.

### **Materials**

The materials required for Just-A-Minute are simply a stopwatch and two sets of four buzzers. A student host conducts the game and a teacher may act as the final judge should any disputes occur.

### **Skills**

There are two important skills required over and above knowledge of subject and they are speaking skills and listening skills. The speaker must be clear, confident, and able to speak without hesitation or deviation from topic.

Opposing team members must listen carefully in order to determine if any of those three rules are broken.

### The Game and Rules

To start the game, the host will call a letter from the ABCs of World War II. The first team to hit the buzzer gets the opportunity to choose a member to say the rhyme couplet. If correct, that individual will have Just-A-Minute to speak on that aspect of WWII. For example, if the letter 'X' is called and the rhyme is correctly identified, "X for Camp X, secret warriors train in Ontario." that team member will be given Just-A-Minute to speak on that topic, without hesitation, deviation, or repetition. The focus is open: Spies, sabotage, one on one combat, behind enemy lines etc.

The opposing team members must listen carefully in case any of those three rules are broken. If they feel that the speaker has broken a rule they may buzz and challenge. The clock is stopped. If the host accepts the challenge, the challenging team gets one point and takes over the remaining time on the clock.

The new speaker will continue with the topic but cannot repeat what the other team's speaker has said. The opposing team must now listen carefully to make sure that the rules are followed.

At any time, when a team has the floor, the speaker may 'tag' a team member to take over. When a tag is made, the clock is stopped in order that the new speaker may rise and it restarted upon the direction of the host.

## **Scoring**

It is suggested that two students act as score keeper/time keeper.

1 point for every 10 seconds a team member speaks.

1 point for a correct challenge.

5 points to the team holding the floor at the end of the 60 seconds.

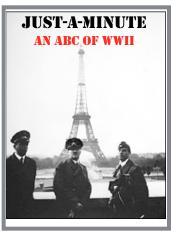
A team that speaks for Just-A-Minute without being challenged will receive a total of 11 points.

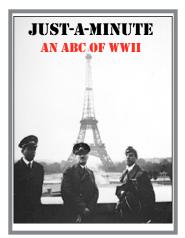
As a Knockout competition with 6 -8 teams per class, Just-A-Minute provides an excellent academic exercise. The game also offers a grade or school challenge.

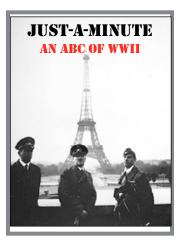
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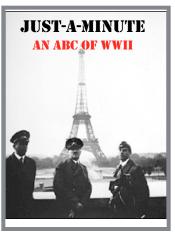
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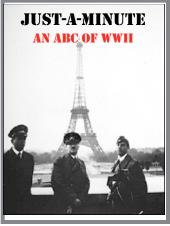


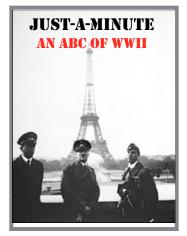


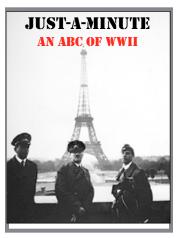


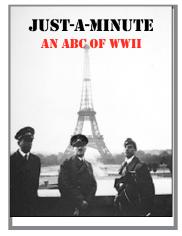


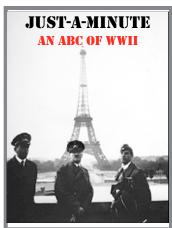


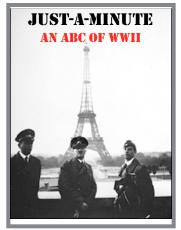


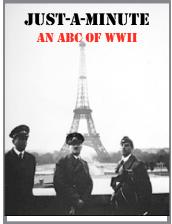


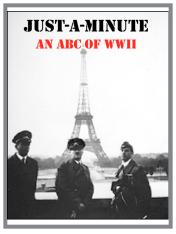


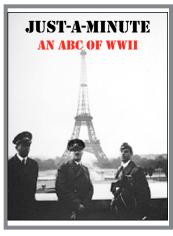


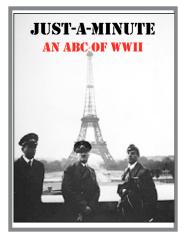


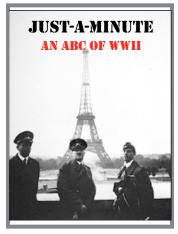












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A

for the ATLANTIC

For U-Boats, A killing zone.

B

is for **BRITAIN** 

with Churchill, stood alone.

C

is for

**CANADA** 

"Once more unto the breach!"

To learn about other WWII -World History

resources:

D-Day
The Pacific
Battle of the Atlantic
The Holocaust
Now This is History
What A Century

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is for

**D-DAY** 

Canadians storm ashore at JUNO Beach.

for

**EL ALAMEIN** 

'Monty' and Rommel class in the sand.

K

is for

FRANCE

an occupied and divided land.

G

is for

**GERMANY** 

Third Reich established by the Nazis.

H

is for

HOLOCAUST

'Final Solution' sought at Wannsee.

is for

ITALY

Mussolini's Fascists in control there.

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for JAPAN

Imposing its Co-prosperity Sphere K

is for

**KURSK** 

greatest tank battle of the war.

for the LEADERS

Roosevelt, Churchill, King to the fore. M

is for

**MIDWAY** 

US carriers engage those of Japan.

N

is for

NUCLEAR

Manhattan Project, Little Boy, Fat Man. 0

for the

**OCEANS** 

fleets carry battle to sea.

## **JUST-A-MINUTE**

for **PEARL** 

# HARBOR

Japan's "Day of Infamy."

is for QUISLING,

> name given to traitors inside.

# R

is for RUSSIA

in the tens of millions they died.

is for **STALINGRAD** 

Russia turns the tide on the Germans.

is for

# **TANKS**

Tigers, T-34s and the **Shermans** 

for **UNITED STATES** 

> 'Arsenal of Democracy' comes through.

is for **VENGEANCE** 

Hitler's secret weapons, V1 and V2

is for WEHRMACHT

to battle on too many points.

# X

for

# **CAMP X**

secret warriors in **Ontario** 

is for

## **YALTA**

discussions about the post-war world.

# 

# **ZERO**

Japan's Mitsubishi

for the

Fighter unfurled.