World War I

Essential Questions

Cause & Effect
1. What were the social, political, and economic causes of World War I?
2. What were the social, political, and economic impacts of World War I?
Assessment: Document Based Question Paragraph

Perspectives on the War
3. To what extent are historical narratives helpful and limited to historians?
Assessment: OPVL Paragraph on Narratives

Significant Terms & Events
4. What significance do the following terms and events have in shaping the outcome of WWI?
   - Imperialism
   - Treaty of Versailles
   - Militarism
   - Influenza of 1918
   - Nationalism
   - The Great Depression
   - Tangled Alliances
   - The Third Reich

Change & Continuity
5. How do the themes from WWI still impact our world today? (Paris Attacks and War on Terror).

Project Based Learning: Historical Narratives
6. How can you use historical fiction to tell the story of WWI?
Assessment: Historical Narrative (3 Standards)
Narrative Project Overview

Project Overview
Based on what you have learned about the nature of WWI and the impact it had on the lives of those who experienced it, you will work in groups to create fictional characters and to tell their story as they lived through WWI. These narratives will test your ability to use Historical Content Knowledge in a creative manner, to demonstrate Historical Empathy, and to use a variety of Narrative Strategies. Your stories should be truthful to the time and be rooted in human emotion.

Project Requirements
1. Your group will work to create a 4-5 part interconnected narrative that spans the experiences of a family (or other connected group) before, during, and after WWI.

2. Each member will be responsible for writing one narrative.

3. Your group narratives will feature characters that interact across stories.

4. Each group will work together to develop an overarching story and authentic characters through targeted research and creative brainstorming. Each group will turn in Character Sketches and Story Boards before writing.

5. Each group will have creative freedom to determine what type of story they will tell and what themes they wish to present about WWI.

Narrative Key Components

Historical Details
Setting: Provide a clear description of the setting and context that the story is set in. (Show don’t Tell).

Historical Content: Demonstrate your understanding for the key ideas and events of the time period and show how your character would interact with them.

Historical Empathy:
Demonstrate your ability to create a character who would respond to their environment in a realistic manner. What emotions and ideas would your character have? Try to view the world through the eyes of your historical character.

Narrative Strategies/Organization
What strategies can you use to tell your story? How do you organize your thoughts and tell a logical story.