Laarman Lesson Plan

Class: U.S. History Unit: The U.S. and the World Standards: B.12.1, B.12.2, B.12.4, B.12.8, B.12.15

Topic: WWII: Pacific Theater Date: 4/18/17

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| **Materials, Prep** | WWII PowerPoint, final paper rubrics, laptops |
| **Procedure**  | 1. Introduce final paper
2. Unit review up to this point: Kahoot
3. Explanation of the War in the Pacific using map at <http://glencoe.com/sites/common_assets/socialstudies/in_motion_10/tav/TAV_741.swf>
4. Carrier battle off Saipan video clip: *The War*, episode 4, 1:21:40
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Topic: WWII: Pacific Theater Date: 4/19/17

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| **Materials, Prep** | WWII PowerPoint |
| **Anticipatory Set****-connection, motivation, relevance** | Discussion: What do you think would be the worst job in the War? The best? Why? Would you rather be on land, air, or sea? |
| **Procedure**  | 1. Invasion of Peleliu video clip (amphibious invasion, racism, horrors of war): *The War,* episode 5, 33:28-53:19
2. Iwo Jima video clip: *The War*, episode 6, 1:20:16 (pause to show Iwo Jima on Google Earth
3. Iwo Jima slide from WWII PowerPoint
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Topic: The End of the War Date: 4/20/17

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| **Materials, Prep** | WWII Power Point |
| **Anticipatory Set****-connection, motivation, relevance** | Review of the war with your small group:* What led to the U.S. entry into the war?
* Where did U.S. troops first invade in the European Theater?
* What American territories were lost to Japan?
* What was the U.S. strategy in the Pacific Theater?
* What was the invasion of France called?
* What island-hopping battle cost the most American casualties?
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| **Procedure**  | 1. Power Point: the end of the War in Europe, firebombing Japan
2. Firebombing Japan video clip: *The War,* Episode 6, 1:31:40
3. Lecture: the death of FDR, Truman his replacement
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Topic: The End of the War, Nuclear Weapons Date: 4/21/17

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| **Materials, Prep** | WWII Multimedia |
| **Anticipatory Set****-connection, motivation, relevance** | 1. Pose questions: What ended the war in the Pacific? Was the use of atomic weapons justified?
2. If most respond yes, write the following statements on the board:
	1. The atomic bombs ended the War.
	2. The U.S. did what it had to do.
3. Video clip from *The War*: the atomic bomb, Episode 7, 1:17:00
4. Look it up in the textbook: does it support these ideas?
5. “We will investigate the accuracy of those statements today.”
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| **Direct Instruction** | 1. Things you need to know to understand the atomic bomb
	1. The Japanese mentality
		1. Death before surrender
		2. Death would be preferable to falling into the hands of American devils
	2. FDR’s fateful phrase: “unconditional surrender”
	3. Japan was already beaten and they knew it
	4. The rise of the Soviets
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| **Guided Practice** | Class discussion: was the use of atomic weapons justified? Does “anything go” in war or are there limits? |