

# WWII Internet Activity

## I. Enigma machine

<http://russells.freeshell.org/enigma/history.html>

1. What was the enigma machine used for (read a few paragraphs to really find this out)? (p.s. you need to know what the word “ciphering” means in the 1<sup>st</sup> sentence)
2. What nation used this machine to pass messages?

## II. U.S. Wartime posters

<http://americanhistory.si.edu/victory/victory1.htm>

1. What was the purpose of these war time posters?
2. Which poster do you like the best/ feel is the most effective? Why?
3. Draw your own wartime poster. (be creative)

## III. Battle of Britain

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/britain\\_wwtwo/evacuees\\_01.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/britain_wwtwo/evacuees_01.shtml)

### Operation Pied Piper

1. When did the evacuation begin?

Why did it occur then? Think about what was going on around that point in the war—use your notes if needed)

2. Before 1939, the British government stockpiled \_\_\_\_\_ and planned for the mass \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Describe the day of evacuation.
4. The “exodus” (the children leaving their parents) worked surprisingly well. It was the reception (being received by the new rural family) that was a shamble. What were the 2 biggest issues insufficient \_\_\_\_\_ and not enough \_\_\_\_\_.

### I’ll Take One

5. Describe how the children who were mismatched got homes to take them in.
6. For some of these children, they had a wonderful experience in the new home. Yet, for many others it was horrible experience. Describe some of the negative experiences.

**IV. The Battle of Stalingrad**

[https://www.ducksters.com/history/world\\_war\\_ii/battle\\_of\\_stalingrad.php](https://www.ducksters.com/history/world_war_ii/battle_of_stalingrad.php)

1. The Battle of Stalingrad was one of the largest and \_\_\_\_\_ battles of WWII.
2. Why was this such an important city to Hitler to conquer?
  
3. When was the battle?
4. Even though German seemed to take over the city, how did the Soviet’s fight back?
  
5. How did the Soviets get the German army to surrender?
6. Right down 1 interesting fact from the battle.

**V. D-Day**

[https://www.ducksters.com/history/world\\_war\\_ii/d-day\\_invasion\\_of\\_normandy.php](https://www.ducksters.com/history/world_war_ii/d-day_invasion_of_normandy.php)

1. D-Day occurred on \_\_\_\_\_ (date).
2. How did the Allies prepare for the attack?
  
3. Describe the “deception.”
4. What were the issues with the weather?
5. Describe each of the following:  
 The first wave of attack:  
  
 Next stage:  
  
 Main invasion force:
6. Right down 1 interesting fact from the battle.

**VI. Modern Dictators**—Leaders like Hitler, Mussolini, Stalin, and Mao Zedong were dictators who had total control over their population. Using the internet, research other examples of dictators that are alive today that have a similar strength of power. Fill in the chart with your modern examples.

Leader (and nation they rule)	What is this ruler doing to affect the people in his nation negatively?	Is there any hope/possibility that this ruler will be taken from power any time soon? If so, how do you think that might occur?