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Pathfinder: World War II

This pathfinder will help
you research World War II
for your Junior American
history course.
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Search Tools: When you are in the library you can use one of our two catalog lookup stations to find books that you need. From any computer in the high school you can use the same catalog by using the following URL 10.1.9.75:8080

Introductory Materials: Encyclopedias are a great way to start your research if you are not familiar with your subject. This will give you a quick explanation along with other terms and ideas to expand your search.

Terms and Keywords: Use Alexandria, our on-line catalog, to look for your book sources. You may try specific words to find your subject like 'D-day'. But also remember to think beyond your subject to broader terms like 'World War II' and use the index at the back of the book for your specific subject. 'Normandy, France' would be a more specific subject search. Again, use the index for broad and specific subject terms! The following are some terms you might want to use in your search:
- Relocation camps
- Germany
- Holocaust
- Atomic bomb
- Battles World War II

Dewey Numbers: We organize our books by the Dewey Decimal system. These are some of the areas you will find books on World War II:
- 940.53-940.55 - is the general World War II area
- 355   - is military history
- 92   - is biographies
- 623.746   - is military aircraft

Reference Materials to use The books with a reference sticker cannot be checked out, however, you may make copies of the pages you need from these books. Don't forget to make a copy of the title page for your works cited page. Here are a few books we have that are reference on World War II:
- REF 940.53 WOR   *World War II: a student   Encyclopedia*
- REF 940.5318 FEL *Understanding the Holocaust*
- REF 358.4 AIR Air *Warfare: an International Encyclopedia*
- REF 355.008 WOM   *Women and War*

Internet Resources: When you *google* a topic you can literally get millions of websites. It is difficult to know whether you have a reputable website or not. Websites with the suffix .edu and .org are usually reliable. Make sure the .com websites are credible. If they are from well-known entities like historychannel.com or newsweek.com they are fine to use. Here are some websites you can use:

http://avalon.law.yale.edu/subject_menus/wwii.asp The Avalon Project at Yale Law School:
World War II : Documents
www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/Holocaust/olympics.html
        the 1936 olympics
http://www.nps.gov/manz/historyculture/index.htm Manzanar Japanese-American Internment Camp Site
 http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB162/index.htm
    The Atomic Bomb and the End of World War II

Additional reading(fiction and nonfiction):

Skeletons at the Feast by Chris Bohjalian
Saving Private Ryan by Max Collins
Heroes by Robert Cormier
Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford
Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand
Soldier Boys by Dean Hughes
Red-tail Angels : the Story of the Tuskegee Airmen of World War II by Pat McKissack
Dr. Seuss goes to war: the world war II editorial cartoons of Theodor Seuss Geisel By Richard H. Minear
The English Patient by Michael Ondaatje
Adventures in the atomic age: from Watts to Washington by Glenn Seaborg

*** Also keep in mind we have local information in the vertical file from World War II.