

# AMERICA AT WAR & MUSIC 1: THE TWO WORLD WARS

## Course Description

Students will explore the two most significant events of the twentieth century: World War I and World War II. Throughout the course, students will learn about the significant figures, encounters, social events and political scenes that brought about these destructive encounters that swallowed the Northern Hemisphere and areas beyond. In addition, students will discover how the ramifications of each major event avalanched, and in due time led to further struggles. Furthermore, students will apply their knowledge of these epic events to analyze numerous songs from each of the World War eras. These songs will give the students a remarkable glimpse into the collective mind and heart of an America that for the first time was asserting itself as the global power it is today. Finally, the songs will allow the students to step back in time to ascertain the cultural scene of an America locked in war.

## Prerequisite

None

## Credit Requirement Area

Social Studies

## Learning Objectives

- Students will demonstrate the ability to identify key vocabulary within the context of the song.
- Students will analyze and interpret songs within the context of the era in which they were written.
- Students will identify the significant figures, encounters, social events, and political scenes of the era.

## Suggested Weekly Schedule

Week	Graded Activities	Suggested Due Date	% Points
1	Assignment 1: Star-Spangled Banner Quiz	Monday of Week 1	50%
	Assignment 2: Song Analysis 1 - The Star-Spangled Banner	Wednesday of Week 1	50%
<b>Week 1 Total Percentage Towards Final Grade</b>			<b>16.6%</b>
2	Assignment 1: World War I (1914-1916) Quiz	Monday of Week 2	25%
	Assignment 2: Song Analysis 1 - Over There	Tuesday of Week 2	25%
	Assignment 3: Song Analysis 2 - Pack Up Your Troubles in Your Old Kit Bag	Wednesday of Week 2	25%
	Assignment 4: Song Analysis 3 - Give My Regards to Broadway	Thursday of Week 2	25%
<b>Week 2 Total Percentage Towards Final Grade</b>			<b>16.6%</b>
3	Assignment 1: World War I (1917-1918) Quiz	Monday of Week 3	20%
	Assignment 2: Song Analysis 1 - Yankee Doodle Dandy	Tuesday of Week 3	20%

Week	Graded Activities	Suggested Due Date	% Points
	Assignment 3: Song Analysis 2 - Keep the Home Fires Burning	Wednesday of Week 3	20%
	Assignment 4: Song Analysis 3 - All of No Man's Land is Ours	Thursday of Week 3	20%
	Assignment 5: Create Your Own Song	Friday of Week 3	20%
<b>Week 3 Total Percentage Towards Final Grade</b>			<b>16.6%</b>
<b>4</b>	Assignment 1: World War II (1939-1941) Quiz	Monday of Week 4	33.3%
	Assignment 2: Song Analysis 1 - This is the Army Mr. Jones	Wednesday of Week 4	33.3%
	Assignment 3: Song Analysis 2 - When the Lights Go On Again	Friday of Week 4	33.4%
<b>Week 4 Total Percentage Towards Final Grade</b>			<b>16.6%</b>
<b>5</b>	Assignment 1: World War II (1942-1943) Quiz	Monday of Week 5	33.3%
	Assignment 2: Song Analysis 1 - Silver Wings in the Moonlight	Wednesday of Week 5	33.3%
	Assignment 3: Song Analysis 2 - Remember Pearl Harbor	Friday of Week 5	33.4%
<b>Week 5 Total Percentage Towards Final Grade</b>			<b>16.6%</b>
<b>6</b>	Assignment 1: World War II (1944-1945) Quiz	Monday of Week 6	25%
	Assignment 2: Song Analysis 1 - Bell Bottom Trousers	Wednesday of Week 6	25%
	Assignment 3: Song Analysis 2 - Sentimental Journey	Thursday of Week 6	25%
	Assignment 4: Create Your Own Song	Friday of Week 6	25%
<b>Week 6 Total Percentage Towards Final Grade</b>			<b>17%</b>
<b>WEIGHTED TOTAL</b>			<b>100%</b>