Causes of Conflict CBA

Essential Question: Could World War II have been prevented?

Guiding Question & Statements

- What historical and economic factors played a role in causing WWII?
- Evaluate the perspectives of those stakeholders involved in WWII.
- Analyze the factor that had the greatest impact on WWII.

Product

- Persuasive essay outlining the causes of WWII; argue which was the most important factor in causing the war.
- Thesis: Name the greatest factor that caused WWII and argue if WWII could have been prevented.

Necessary Skills

- Identifying and analyzing primary and secondary sources.
- Citing sources, creating an annotated bibliography.
- Recognizing historical context, point-of-view and bias.
- Utilizing graphic organizers.
- Unpacking quotes & using evidence.
- Organizing an essay

Content

- End of WWI and the Treaty of Versailles
- Great Depression & Political Instability in Europe
- Rise of Weimar Government, Totalitarian and Fascist leaders
- MAIN: Militarism, Alliances, Imperialism and Nationalism in Europe & Asia
- Appeasement & Inaction

Writing Prompts

How did the Treaty of Versailles contribute to rising tensions in Europe prior to WWII?
Analyze the treaties demands and cite at least one point of the Treaty of Versailles as evidence in your response.

How did economic instability contribute to the rise of conflict in Europe?
Use a minimum of one economic statistic to support your claim.

How did the rise of fascist and totalitarian governments create conflict leading to WWII?
Use a minimum of one direct quote from a primary source in your response.

How did Militarism, Alliances, Imperialism, or Nationalism contribute to conflict in Europe?
Use a minimum of one primary source to support your claim.

How did appeasement and inaction lead to World War II?
Use a minimum of one direct quote from a primary source in your response.


