

WWII Propaganda Poster Assignment

As you have seen, propaganda is used all over the world to inform, promote or publicize a particular political cause or point of view. Propaganda appeals to people's patriotism and emotion to motivate them to take action or to think a certain way.



Note: This is NOT A POLITICAL CARTOON. What is the difference? This is not meant to make fun of a group or offend anyone, but it is meant to create emotion in those viewing it. They symbolism and caricature is used in political cartoons, but not propaganda.

You must use large size poster board for this assignment. This poster must be **neat, colorful, and creative** and **present a message that is historically accurate to WWII**. You must use your own artwork, but you may also use printed materials in addition to your work. Your poster, while it may draw on the themes of propaganda discussed in class, **should be original** and not copied from other students' ideas or from examples from history.

Steps to follow & Grading Rubric:

1. You must choose **a country to represent** – is it U.S. propaganda? German? Soviet? British? Italian? – Choose one of the previous or see me for approval – Your choice must be clear in your artwork and message!
2. **5pts.** ____ You must **create a message** to either make your country look good, make the enemy look bad, or advocate for a cause (for example Victory Gardens, Rationing, etc.)
3. **5pts.** ____ You must make **your message** historically appropriate and accurate (for example - do not make a hate poster that shows the U.S. oppressing Jews)
4. **5pts.** ____ You must make your **artwork** historically appropriate and accurate (for example - do not put a modern Jet fighter or laser gun on it for WWII)
5. **10 pts.** ____ Your poster must be **neat, creative, colorful** (the entire poster!) and have a limited amount of whitespace! Show that you put thought and effort into your work. Avoid stick people. If you must trace clip art to help you, that is ok, but don't trace an entire poster.
6. **5 pts.** ____ You must explain your message in 3-5 sentences on the back of your poster.
7. **5 pts.** ____ Your message and/or intent of the poster must be very clear – there must be NO question of the intent of the message or what country I would see this poster in!



Turn this rubric in with your poster – stapled to the back!

Due Date: Wednesday

3/28



WWII Super Mario Propaganda

