Laarman Lesson Plan

Subject: World History Unit: World Wars and Genocides

Unit Objectives

1. Analyze the mindsets that lead to violence, war, and genocide.
2. Understand the particular historical context for the Armenian Genocide and the Holocaust.
3. Wrestle with the choices that individuals, groups, and nations made in response to the Armenian Genocide, the Nazi conquest of Europe, and the Holocaust, as well as the aspects of human behavior that contributed to those choices. Use this analysis to further develop your own philosophy of life.
4. Make connections between universal themes related to democracy, citizenship, scapegoating, “othering,” and human connection and responsibility that this history raises and the world they live in today.

Date: 4/14/25-4/15/25 Topic: World War II

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| Materials | WWII Google Slides |
| Learning Plan | 1. Turn and Talk: The key stages of WWII we’ve learned about so far
2. Multimedia presentation: an overview of WWII
3. Complete ICLS forms
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Date: 4/16/25-4/17/25 Topic: WWII: The Responses of Ordinary People

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| Materials | Quiz, “WWII and the Holocaust: Individuals Respond” student response sheets |
| Lesson Goals | Students will reflect on the choices faced by individuals as their countries were attacked by the Nazis. |
| Assessment Evidence | Quiz; Student response sheets |
| Learning Plan | 1. WWII Quiz
2. Discuss and brainstorm: if you were a citizen of Poland, France, the Netherlands, etc. and the Nazis took over, what would your options be? (Join, resist, neither)
3. Stories of resistance through film: students reflect on their response sheets
	1. *World on Fire:* Kasia’s story
		1. Season 1, episode 1
			1. 31:51-34:13
			2. 49:50-51:22
		2. episode 2
			1. 10:00-15:00
			2. 27:22 – 28:35
			3. 38:03- 42:57(tell back story: parents killed in invasion)
		3. Episode 3
			1. 5:59- about 7:00
			2. 18:50-21:19
			3. 47:38-49:13
			4. 50:42-52:04
		4. Episode 4
			1. 4:00-5:25
			2. 21:25-22:32
			3. 30:48-32:59
			4. 36:28-37:00
		5. Episode 5
			1. 16:56-18:14
		6. Episode 7
			1. 13:00-13:35
			2. 25:00-26:20
	2. *A Hidden Life* trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qJXmdY4lVR0>
	3. *A Small Light*
		1. Episode 1:
			1. 41:15- 44:00
			2. 48:10-51:50
		2. Episode 2:
			1. 18:30-end of Jan part
			2. 45:20-47:14
			3. 51:15-52:10
		3. Episode 3:
			1. 5:30-6:26
			2. 12:53-16:26
		4. Episode 4:
			1. 31:58-39:13
			2. 46:30-50:20
		5. Episode 5:
			1. 4:16-6:04
			2. 23:35-24:24
			3. 28:35-29:37
			4. 35:54-36:47
			5. 40:30-45:57
	4. *The New Look*
		1. Episode 1
			1. 18:30-20:45 (Coco's nephew released)
			2. 22:06-22:45 (Coco's love for her nephew)
			3. 24:51-28:02 (financial problems and having to meet the Nazis)
			4. 35:50-37:47 (dinner with Himmler)
			5. 39:07-43:15 (taking stuff from Jewish home, seduced)
			6. 53:30-end (will have to fill in Dior's backstory)
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