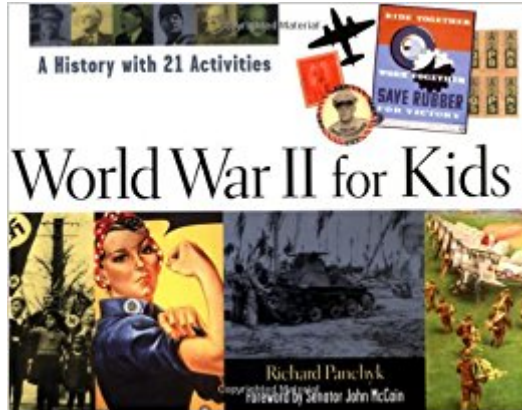


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World War II For Kids: A History With 21 Activities (For Kids Series)



Synopsis

Now more than ever, kids want to know about our country's great struggles during World War II. This book is packed with information that kids will find fascinating, from Hitler's rise to power in 1933 to the surrender of the Japanese in 1945. Much more than an ordinary history book, it is filled with excerpts from actual wartime letters written to and by American and German troops, personal anecdotes from people who lived through the war in the United States, Germany, Britain, Russia, Hungary, and Japan, and gripping stories from Holocaust survivors—all add a humanizing global perspective to the war. This collection of 21 activities shows kids how it felt to live through this monumental period in history. They will play a rationing game or try the butter extender recipe to understand the everyday sacrifices made by wartime families. They will try their hands at military strategy in coastal defense, break a code, and play a latitude and longitude tracking game. Whether growing a victory garden or staging an adventure radio program, kids will appreciate the hardships and joys experienced on the home front.

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Customer Reviews

World War II for Kids: A History with 21 Activities by Richard Panchyk provides a comprehensive survey of the era, beginning with Hitler's rise to power in 1933 to the Japanese surrender in 1945 (a time line opens the volume). Wartime letters, interviews with former soldiers, ordinary citizens and

Holocaust survivors provide a personal perspective. Activities include creating a CARE package for enlisted soldiers and writing and performing a radio adventure; Bill Clinton and John McCain provide forewords. Ages 9-up. Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Grade 5-7-In this introductory survey, Panchyk describes major events throughout the great conflict in nearly every theater of operation. While the main focus is on America's part in the war, life in England and other European countries is given careful attention. A special aspect of this work is the variety of informative activities appearing in substantial sidebars. Through them, readers can vicariously go on a reconnaissance mission, grow a victory garden, track a ship's movements using latitude and longitude, live on rations for a day, and experience other aspects of wartime life. Adult help and/or permission is suggested for many of the projects. One involves labeling alternate halves of a class of students with special armbands and simulating discrimination; teacher involvement is not mentioned in the instructions. Summarized or quoted first-person accounts by World War II participants are integral parts of this book, which also includes letters and journal entries by soldiers and civilians in both Allied and Axis countries. A large selection of black-and-white contemporary photographs and reproductions of such items as ration stamps and propaganda posters further contribute to the book's immediacy. Attention grabbers are a letter from former President Clinton, a short foreword by Senator John S. McCain, and an afterword by World War II veteran Senator Ernest "Fritz" Hollings. Ann G. Brouse, Steele Memorial Library, Elmira, NY Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc.

My son and I are using this and so far we LOVE it. He almost begs me to do WWII because this book is so well written. My son is 11. The activities are pretty fun and engaging and I have to say that we go pretty slow with the book because we keep talking about all of the information and getting deeper into discussions. Very good pick to get your kids into history.

loved reading his book with my son -- was worried that it may not be age appropriate but the author has done a good job in explaining the events so that children can related to what actually occurred

This is a great book for engaged children who want to learn more about this complex topic. My husband read it aloud to our elementary school aged children and they (and he!) thoroughly enjoyed it. Not surprisingly, reading about WWII sparks more questions than answers and we found that it was necessary to read with our children despite their full ability to read more lengthy texts

independently. Well worth the time!

My 7 year old nephew is a history buff and I purchased this for him for his WWII themed birthday. It's challenging to find WWII themed items that are appropriate for children. I was happy to see that this book had lots of wonderful photographs and illustrations along with ample factual information to make him happy.

This was a comprehensive book but it contains way too much text for the average child. It said it is for ages 9 and up but I'd say it's more for 12 and up. It seems to me to be more appropriate for adult TEACHERS to use as a supplemental guide when teaching WWII. There are some interesting activities included.

Was a Christmas gift and was a hit.

Most young Americans can't even put the wars the US has fought in in order. This book is a great way to introduce young people to not only WW II, but to explain what living in the United States during the war was like.

My 7 year old Grandson loves history. This was a great purchase for him. He really enjoyed reading about the war.

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