

WWII Extra Credit Assignment

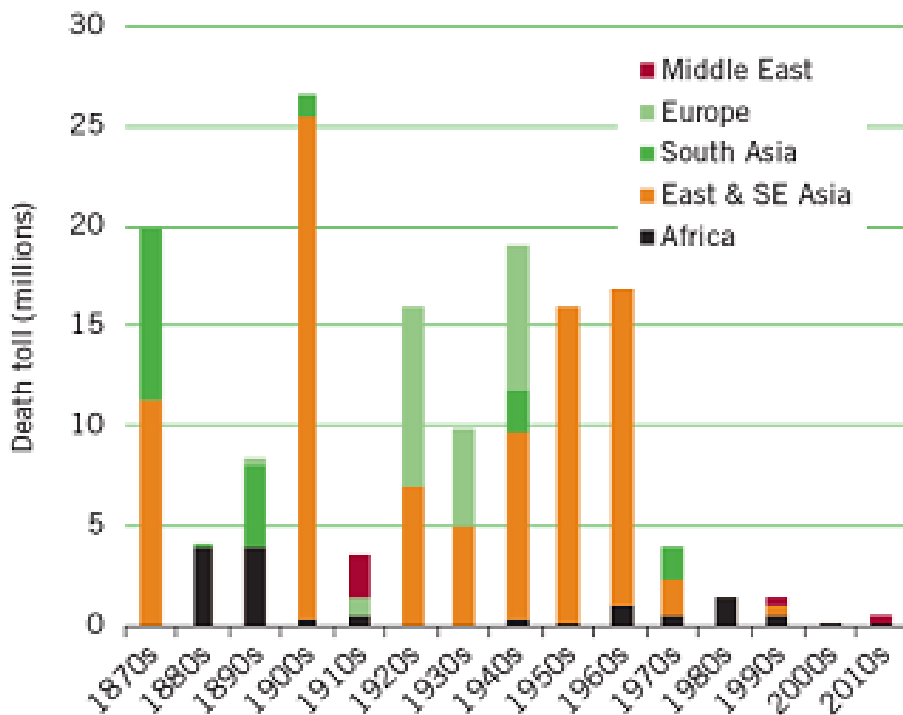
Overview

For this unit, we have been focused on the American perspective fighting in WWII — this is U.S. history! However, looking at this war from a different perspective helps us gain an even better understanding of why this war came into being, the effects on the lives of those living closest to the battles, and how we can better understand the United States actual role in the conflict. For this assignment, we're going to focus on a more global perspective of WWII to try and understand how far war reaches — even to those that never wanted or asked to be involved in the first place.

Impact of Famine

DIRECTIONS: ANALYZE THE GRAPH AND RESPOND TO THE QUESTIONS BELOW.

FIGURE 3.2 DEATH TOLL FROM GREAT FAMINES, 1870s–2010, BY CONTINENT



Note: Each great famine killed more than 100,000 people.
Source: World Peace Foundation (2015).

WHICH AREAS HAD THE GREATEST DEATH TOLL FROM FAMINES IN THE 1930s AND 1940s?

ABOUT HOW MANY PEOPLE DIED IN THE 1930s AND 1940s DUE TO FAMINE?

Crash Course European History: [World War II Civilians and Soldiers](#)

DIRECTIONS: FOLLOW THE LINK TO WATCH THE VIDEO. RESPOND TO THE QUESTIONS BELOW.

JOHN GREEN STATES THIS:

**"WE SEE AGAIN AND AGAIN THAT EVIL IS NOT THE PRODUCT OF DEMENTED INDIVIDUALS, IT IS THE PRODUCT OF DEMENTED SOCIAL ORDERS."
WHAT DOES HE MEAN BY THIS? EXPLAIN.**

LIST THREE EFFECTS OF THE WAR ON THE LIVES OF CIVILIANS:

HOW WAS FIGHTING DIFFERENT FOR EUROPEANS COMPARED TO AMERICANS? (THINK ABOUT WHERE THEY WERE FIGHTING, THE HOMEFRONT AND THE BATTLEFRONT)

IN WHAT WAYS DID THE GOVERNMENTS WORK TO BOOST MORALE DURING WWII? WHAT DID THEY FUND/ENCOURAGE FROM CITIZENS?

HOW WERE WOMEN EXPECTED TO ACT UNDER FASCIST REGIMES COMPARED TO IN ALLIED NATIONS?

HOW DID THE WAR AFFECT COLONIES OUTSIDE OF EUROPE, LIKE IN INDIA? WERE THESE EFFECTS AN ACCIDENT OF WAR, OR WERE THEY AVOIDABLE?

Casualties of WWII

DIRECTIONS: ANALYZE THE MAP AND TABLE BELOW AND RESPOND TO THE QUESTIONS.

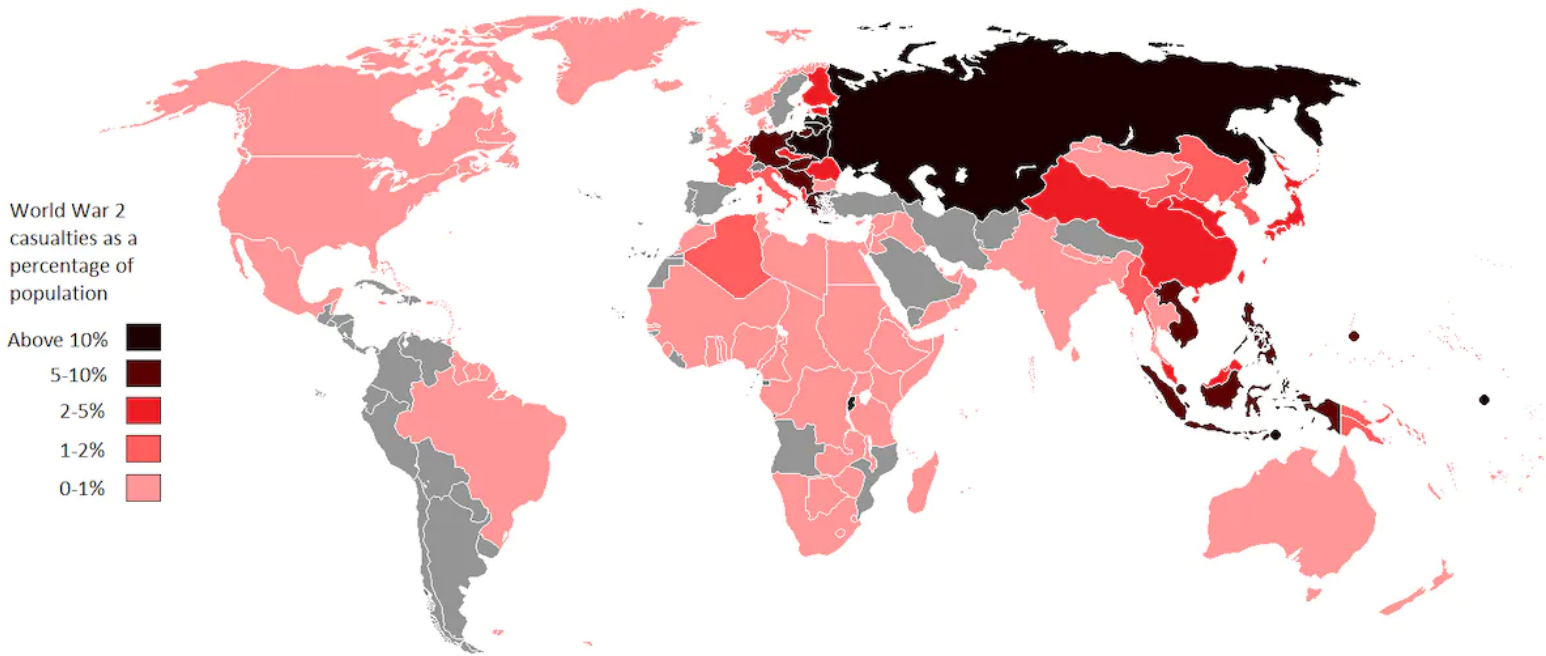


Table 1 Famine deaths during WWII

Soviet Union	7 to 9 million
– Of which, under German control	6 to 7 million
– Under Soviet control	1 to 2 million
Bengal province, India	2.1 million
Henan province, China	2 million
Java	1.3 to 2.4 million
Vietnam	1 million
Greece	300,000
Austria	100,000
Netherlands	15,000 to 25,000

WHAT COUNTRY HAD THE MOST CASUALTIES IN WWII?

LOOK AT THE CASUALTIES OF PLACES LIKE JAVA AND VIETNAM. DO THOSE NUMBERS SURPRISE YOU? WHAT CAUSED THEM TO BE SO HIGH, IF NOT FOR DIRECT FIGHTING?

Exit Ticket

DIRECTIONS: RESPOND TO THE QUESTION BELOW IN 4-5 SENTENCES USING INFORMATION GATHERED IN THIS ASSIGNMENT.

HOW CAN TAKING A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE OF WWII HELP US TO UNDERSTAND IT BETTER? WHAT IS GAINED BY LOOKING OUTSIDE OF THE CONFLICT AND INTO THE WORLD AROUND IT?