Nuremberg War Crimes Webquest

WebQuest Description: This webquest will introduce students to the Nuremberg War Crimes Trials and allow them to connect the material to current events.
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Introduction

Welcome detectives! Today you will be researching the historic Nuremberg War Crimes Trials, which placed many Nazi military men and officials on trial for war crimes. As you look over the evidence, ponder the definition of "war crimes" and "crimes against humanity." Consider current events that may be classified as war crimes and crimes against humanity.

Tasks

Detectives, today you are charged with researching the Nuremberg War Crimes Trials. You are to visit multiple websites, view photo galleries, and listen to audio indictments in order to understand the complexity and significance of these trials. Record your research in the Webquest Worksheet under the "Process" tab. Remember, your critical thinking skills will be necessary in this task to connect to current events.

Process

Detectives, below are the steps you must complete for this task. You must read, view and listen to the resources below. Remember, you are to analyze the sources and glean the answers to the questions. Please take your time and utilize your curiosity. In order to focus your research, please download and open the Webquest Worksheet below. You will type your answers directly onto the worksheet as you work, and you will be responsible for printing it before you leave. Visit each of the sites below. While not every website is necessary to answer the questions, each resource is interesting and helpful. Visit as many as you can!

Evaluation

You will be graded on your focus during the activity, as well as the research you complete and turn in on the Webquest Worksheet.

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Conclusion

Congratulations, detectives, on engaging in thorough research. Hopefully, your understanding of the Nuremberg War Crimes Trials has increased. More importantly, you should walk away from this activity with the ability to analyze current events and classify some events as war crimes.
This webquest was designed by a Denver teacher and aims to help instruct on the aftermath of WWII. The Nuremberg War Crimes Webquest meets the following Colorado Content Standards for History:

2.2 Students know how to interpret and evaluate primary and secondary sources of historical information. As students in grades 9-12 extend their knowledge, what they know and are able to do includes evaluating data within the social, political, and economic context in which it was created, testing its credibility, and evaluating its bias; and comparing and contrasting the reliability of information received from multiple sources.

2.3 Students apply knowledge of the past to analyze present-day issues and events from multiple, historically objective perspectives. Using historical information to interpret and evaluate decisions or policies regarding contemporary issues.

5.3 Students know how political power has been acquired, maintained, used, and/or lost throughout history. Analyzing how genocide has been used to acquire or maintain political power;

5.4 Students know the history of relationships among different political powers and the development of international relations. Analyzing the development of and issues associated with worldwide movements and organizations such as the League of Nations, the United Nations, and Amnesty International.

Standards
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Other