



Lesson 2, Handout 3

**World War II: Total War from Guernica to Nagasaki**  
**Presentation Notes**

1. Background of warfare in the following earlier war: The Seven Years' War, the Napoleonic Wars, the Crimean War.

2. Warfare in Guernica, Shanghai, and Ethiopia in the 1930s.

3. The Axis blitzkrieg and the Battle of Britain with a focus on London and Warsaw.

4. World War II in the Soviet Union with a focus on Leningrad, Stalingrad, and Moscow.

5. The Allies' revenge with a focus on Dresden, Berlin, Tokyo, Hiroshima, and Nagasaki.

6. A profile of the major countries involved in World War II, the numbers mobilized, overall strategy of each side, and equipment used.

7. A statistical profile of World War II: military and civilian casualties worldwide, cost of war, countries damaged.

8. The Axis war on civilians, with emphasis on the murder of civilians. The Holocaust, Japanese prisoners of war, interment of Homosexuals, the genocide of Slavs and Romani (Gypsies).

9. Government planning during the war with a focus on Germany and the United States.

10. Life on the home front under government guidelines in the United States and Germany, including treatment of dissenters.