



World War II Vocabulary

This is a game that teaches political concepts and language that have their origins in World War II.

Grades: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
Disciplines: Social Studies, Reading

From the list below **circle** any words that look familiar

Neutral	Propaganda
Alliances	Nuclear
Embargo	Fascism
Democracy	Communism

Activity: *Prediction*

1. Each student should take a vocabulary card from the center of the table.
2. Students will have 15 seconds to write down words (terms, people, places, etc.) that they connect with the word on their card.
3. After 15 seconds, everyone will pass the card to their right.
4. Repeat this process every fifteen seconds.

Nuclear	Alliances
Embargo	Propaganda

Neutral	Communism
Fascism	Democracy

Activity: Visualize

Read the definition of each vocabulary word. Create an image to represent this definition.

Word	Definition	Symbol/Image
Democracy	Government system by which representatives are voted by the people to act for the people	

Fascism	Authoritarian or nationalistic form of government usually run by a dictator	
Communism	Economic and governing system where property is publically owned and each person is paid according to their abilities and needs	
Embargo	Official ban on trade or other commercial activity with a particular country	
Nuclear	Relating to atomic energy or power	
Alliances	Union or association formed for mutual benefit	
Propaganda	Information of a biased or misleading nature, used to promote or publicize a particular political cause or viewpoint	
Neutral	Not helping or supporting either side in a conflict	

Practice 4: True, False, Explain

Read each statement and determine whether it is true or false. If it is false, rewrite the sentence correctly.

True or False, Explain.		
Sentence	T or F	If "false," <i>rewrite the sentence correctly</i>
1. My sister is not neutral when it comes to taking a side between me and my brother when we argue; she never takes a side and supports us both.		
2. I think that political ad is propaganda , it presents both sides of the issue and asks the viewer to make up their own mind.		
3. The United States and Japan had an alliance during World War II, they fought against each other in the war.		

4. The United States put an embargo on Japan, this means that they trade freely.		
5. Fascism is a form of government for the people, by the people.		
6. Nuclear weapons use solar energy to create a massive explosion, destruction, and a lot of damage.		