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# JOINT BACKGROUND GUIDE

MEETINGS OF THE ALLIED AND AXIS POWERS

## THE CONCEPTUALISATION

Dear Participants,

It is our pleasure to serve as your Executive Board for the simulation of the meetings of Allied and Axis powers during the World War II (WWII) at MCSGS MUN 2017. Through this joint guide we would like to bring a few points to your notice.

1. This main guide will cover the theme WWII, and one subsequent brief each for both the meetings may be separately released shortly.
2. The simulations are crisis meetings, that is, crisis updates or a mix of hypothetical and real life situations will be given to the participants to solve. The theme for the simulations, as pre-intimated, will be WWII.
3. The freeze date for these meetings are 1<sup>st</sup> September, 1939. Freeze date implies that the meeting is being held right after the development in Europe, that is, the invasion of Poland by Germany. Any event and/or occurrence post this date has not occurred yet. All other events and/or occurrences post this are subject to the crisis updates given by the Board.
4. WWII in itself is a vast theme, thus this guide will not attempt to provide all the information and analysis related to it. Rather, it shall try to give you a map or a guideline for you to filter the right kind of sources you need to be aware of. Or some research questions you should answer in preparation for such the simulation. However, you are requested to not restrict yourself to the content or questions given to you in this guide as they are not exhaustive.
5. The subsequent briefs for each meeting will separately shed further light over the other details such as rules of procedure, understanding the portfolios etc.

Regards,

The Executive Board



## SOME RESEARCH QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. How does the event of 1<sup>st</sup> September, 1939 affect the country whose personnel you are representing?
2. What relations does your country share with the parties involved in the conflict?
3. What role did your country play during World War I (WWI)? Or any other important world historical event before the freeze date? How does it shape your current policies?
4. What position should your country take on this development?
5. What strategy should it adopt to address it?
6. How can your portfolio facilitate realisation of this strategy?
7. What strategies/lessons/solution you can take from the events and/or occurrences which occurred post 1<sup>st</sup> September, 1939?



## SOURCES TO BROWSE

### 1. The Avalon Project – Documents in Law, History and Diplomacy

This portal has several official documents which were released by different countries involved in important world historical events. You will find many documents related to WWI & WWII in this compendium.

Link: [http://avalon.law.yale.edu/subject\\_menus/wwii.asp](http://avalon.law.yale.edu/subject_menus/wwii.asp)

### 2. Techeroz.com

This link covers links to many other important sources to find important documents, links, timelines, statistics, maps, glossaries and so on related to World War II. It is a pretty exhaustive link in itself, but you are requested to browse it in-depth.

Link: <http://www.techeroz.com/wwii.htm>

### 3. National Geographic series on World War I

#### a. WWI

- i. Episode 1 – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cFCWfyXSe70>
- ii. Episode 2 – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wLElZiCMo>
- iii. Episode 3 – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9KehJddq4UU>
- iv. Episode 4 – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kl23X2B3CtA>
- v. Episode 5 – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bn7PnPdLsc8>
- vi. Episode 6 – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pmb0fWYG7Ts>
- vii. Episode 7 – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1RNdVtOXopo>

### 4. The Great War series by BBC (26 Episodes)

This series quite extensively covers World War I

Link: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bxK-qR14pVg&list=PLdEBPyoq11-7H07u7iwGM\\_3l-QfxFj9B&index=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bxK-qR14pVg&list=PLdEBPyoq11-7H07u7iwGM_3l-QfxFj9B&index=1)

### 5. World War II in HD Colour (Episode 1-13)

This documentary specifically has real footages from the war along with commentaries.

Link:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GDU1bOFF62A&list=PL24FFUWS9t\\_AzxCTiwG89tDBImTiu8ZYW](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GDU1bOFF62A&list=PL24FFUWS9t_AzxCTiwG89tDBImTiu8ZYW)



**6. Apocalypse: The Second World War**

- a. Part 1 – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nn01ZjNILC8>
- b. Part 2 – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8OZgt1RB-S4>
- c. Part 3 – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MAXVujtui-A>
- d. Part 4 – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-5GaoHae1DA>
- e. Part 5 – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NaqekMMg4rU>
- f. Part 6 – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pOYqa-MtX84>

**7. National Geographic Documentary – The Untold Secrets of World War II**

This may give you a few insights into those aspects which are usually hidden in main stream discourses.

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y1YsrZn4gxU>