

Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Social Studies At the Lone Star Flight Museum, Galveston Texas

§113.53 Advanced Placement (AP) United States History

Applicable Themes: War and Diplomacy

Armed conflict from the pre-colonial period to the twenty-first century; impact of war on American foreign policy and on politics, economy, and society.

The Lone Star Flight Museum focuses mostly on military aircraft: tours discuss a range of topics from battles these aircraft were involved in, changes in technology, important individuals in the wars, and the effect on society through work for women, morale, and rationing.

Topic Outline 21: The Second World War

The rise of fascism and militarism in Japan, Italy, and Germany

Prelude to war: policy of neutrality

The attack on Pearl Harbor and United States declaration of war

Fighting a multi-front war

Diplomacy, war aims, and wartime conferences

The United States as a global power in the Atomic Age

The Multi-front style of war is discussed from two angles: the Allies fighting in Europe and the Pacific, and the Germans fighting both the British and Russians. Battles covered include The Battle of Midway, which is discussed at the SBD Dauntless. Also, the Invasion of Normandy is described when discussing the reasons for the black and white stripes displayed on our aircraft. Atomic weaponry comes into play during discussions on the B-58 Hustler, America's first nuclear, supersonic bomber.

Topic Outline 22: The Home Front During the War

Wartime mobilization of the economy

Women, work, and family during the war

There are a number of rare vehicles at the Lone Star Flight Museum which are used to talk about the change in producing automobiles to producing aircraft.

The Texas Aviation Hall of Fame also has a large display dedicated to the WASP pilots: Women Air Service Pilots. These women are discussed in the context of the lack of male pilots to fill all needs, and the need for women in general. Rationing and shortages of materials are discussed by the T-50, made of wood due to shortages of metal, and the N3N, made from recycled blimp parts.