

World War II Resource List

As with all SDGR units, you may substitute resources and books for others that you know of or have available to you. The ones listed here are suggestions, and are referenced in this unit. There are many other suitable resources available for use in this unit study as well.

Recommended Resources:

World War II for Kids, Panchyk
World War II – DK Eyewitness Books, Adams
A biography of Anne Frank (choose one at appropriate reading level)
 Anne Frank - The Diary of a Young Girl, Frank (Gr 5-8) – (discretion required)
 Anne Frank's Story, Lee (Gr 4-6)
 Anne Frank – Beyond the Diary, van der Rol and Verhoeven (Gr 5-8)
 The Story of Anne Frank, Lewis (A DK Reader, Level 3) (Gr 3-4)
A biography of Corrie Ten Boom (choose one at appropriate reading level)
 Corrie Ten Boom – Keeper of the Angels' Den, Bengé (YWAM Pub.) (Gr 5-7)
 The Hiding Place, Ten Boom (Gr 7-8 or older)
 Corrie Ten Boom – Faith in Dark Places, Shaw (for younger readers – Gr 3-4)
Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes, Coerr
Blank World Map with country outlines
Hold That Thought World History Vol. II (A CD of history notebook pages available from www.HoldThatThought.com)
Reference materials – encyclopedia set or online encyclopedia, such as Wikipedia

Optional Resources: (You will need to pick 3 or 4 books to read together aloud and a couple of readers for each child's level)

World War II, Willmott, Cross, Messenger (DK)
World War I, Adams (DK Eyewitness Books)
Air Raid – Pearl Harbor!, Taylor
Twenty and Ten, Bishop (younger readers)
The Winged Watchman, van Stockum
Sky – A True Story of Courage During WWII, Ippisch
Under a War-Torn Sky, Elliott (some editing necessary)
We Were There at the Normandy Invasion, Knight
Thanks to My Mother, Rabinovici
Hidden Child of the Holocaust, Cretzmeyer
Passage to Freedom – The Sugihara Story, Mochizuki
Attack on Pearl Harbor – The True Story of the Day American Entered WWII, Tanaka
Count the Stars, Lenski
The Bracelet, Yoshika Uchida

Audio-Visual Resources:

(Please preview any media to determine suitability for your children – some are listed as a possible reference to adults wishing to get a better overall picture of the war era and issues.)

The Mortal Storm (effects of the rise of Nazism on a German family)
The Miracle of the White Stallions (suitable for young children – true story of the removal of the famed Lipizzan Stallions from Austria during the Nazi occupation)
The Hiding Place (video)
The Hiding Place (Focus on the Family Radio Theatre)
Miracle at Moreaux (French catholic school takes in escaping Jewish children)
Detreich Bonhoeffer (Focus on the Family Radio Theatre)
Detreich Bonhoeffer – Agent of Grace (video)
The Sound of Music (suitable for young children)
Angel for May (British film – boy goes back in time to WWII setting and helps save a young girl – suitable for most children, few British profanities might go over heads)
Since You Went Away (1944 – story of a family at home when father was off to war)
Schindler's List (not suitable for children but may be a good reference for adults on the Holocaust)
The Longest Day (older B&W account of D-Day)
Battle of the Bulge
Mrs. Miniver
Sands of Iwo Jima (older B&W account of the battle of Iwo Jima)
Bridge over the River Kwai (Pacific emphasis – Allied POWs build and destroy a bridge for a Japanese railroad extension)
Empire of the Sun (Boy in China during Japanese attack and capture)
Tora, Tora, Tora (Rated G but has a few swear words – Story of the attack on Pearl Harbor from both the Japanese and American perspectives)
The 442nd – Duty, Honor & Loyalty (Documentary re: Japanese-American regiment & internment camps)