

# YEAR 10 – WORLD AT WAR

## SEMESTER BASED

The Twentieth Century was a critical period in Australia's social, cultural, economic and political development. Students investigate topics around the transformation of the modern world during a time of political turmoil, global conflict and international cooperation to gain an understanding of Australia's development, its place within the Asia-Pacific region and its global standing. World at War covers the causes of World War I, the 'war to end all wars', the interwar period between 1918 and 1939, including the Treaty of Versailles, the Roaring Twenties, the Great Depression, the League of Nations and the rise of communism and fascism. Students will also develop their understanding of World War II, major battles, the Holocaust, Australia's involvement in World War II on the Western Front and in the Pacific region, and the conclusion and lasting effects following World War II. Students will develop their historical knowledge, understanding and skills by inquiry questions and through the use and interpretation of sources.

## AREA OF STUDY

### World War One

- World War 1 and its beginnings
- Major battles, including Australian Battles
- Turning points in the war and the nature of warfare
- The Australian home front
- Australia's international relations, particularly with Britain
- Significance of Australia's commemoration of war

## OUTCOMES

- Analyse the cause-and-effect relationships between pre-World War I events, the outbreak of the war, and the consequences of the Versailles Treaty.
- Explore the importance and human cost of significant battles during World War I.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the evolution of warfare during the early 20th century, including technological advancements and shifts in tactics.
- Compare the social, economic, and political changes experienced by Australians during World War I, highlighting both continuities and disruptions.
- Examine various historical interpretations of Australians' wartime experiences and assess the significance of memorials and commemorations in shaping collective memory and national identity.

## AREA OF STUDY

### The Inter War Years & World War Two

- Life during the Inter War Years 1918 –1939
- Germany, Europe and the World economically
- Rise of Hitler and the Nazi Party
- Dropping of the Atomic Bomb
- Australia's changing international relations, specifically the USA

## OUTCOMES

- Sequence significant events from the Interwar Years to World War Two, analysing their causes, effects, and resultant changes.
- Examine the perspectives of individuals during the Interwar Years, considering how events, ideas, and values influenced different viewpoints.
- Consider various historical interpretations of the rise of Hitler and the Nazi Party.
- Assess the dropping of the atomic bomb from multiple viewpoints, considering its intended and unintended effects on global history.
- Analyse Australia's evolving international relations, identifying patterns of continuity and change.
- Evaluate the significance of Germany and Japan's role in shaping Europe and the Pacific during this time period.