

The Who Behind World War II



A Lesson in Biographies
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My Biography Group and Our Norms

When working in a group, it is important to give every member in the group a voice and an opinion. You need to speak to one another respectfully, and not get upset if someone disagrees with you. Finally, you must do your best on your share of the work.

Members of my group:

1.	2.
3.	4.
5.	6.

Our group norms:

When working together, we will...

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

My Biography Group

When dividing up the responsibilities for each portion of the poster, be sure to write the person's name next to their specific jobs. This way there will be no question as to who is responsible for what.

Members of my group:

1.	2.
3.	4.
5.	6.

Our biography project is on _____

Who is responsible for what?

Early Life Text _____ Education Years Text _____

Career Text _____ Personal Life Text _____

Photos _____ Map _____

Timeline _____ Fun Facts Box _____

Graphic Elements (like symbols, flags) _____

Finding a quote _____

Research Reminders!

Use Several Sources: remember what you don't use in your text block, you can use in your Fun Facts Box.

Use a Mixture of Sources:

Primary Sources such as items directly from the person including journals, letters, photographs, newspaper clippings written during their lives, speeches, and videos.

Secondary Sources such as items written or produced by others after the fact such as textbooks, encyclopedias, other biographies, articles written after an event, and documentaries.

Check Out Your Library: Books are some of the most reliable sources of information available to you!

Documentary Films: Have your parents check out Netflix, Prime Video, and other resources for documentaries about your assigned person. Some of these videos may be rated PG or PG-13 so your parents may want to watch with you.

Internet Resources: Googling your subject's name will bring up a wealth of information. Please remember that not all websites are reliable or edited for content. You want to search out credible websites. Some examples are below.

www.biography.com

www.history.com

www.tracesofwar.com

www.nationalww2museum.org

www.pbslearning.org

Research Resources I Used

It is important to list the resources you use when researching. Also, you must **NOT** copy exactly from your research resources—that is called plagiarism. You must put the ideas and facts presented in your resources into your own words. This is called paraphrasing. If you want to put in something directly from the resource, you must put quotation marks around it, and then you must tell the readers where that information was found. List the resources you used in your research below. Try to use primary and secondary sources!

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Research Outline—Early Life

Date of Birth

Place of Birth

Names of Parents

Names of Siblings

Places he or she lived growing up

Early Education

Fun facts from childhood

Research Outline—Education

Name of High School	Location of High School	Year of Graduation
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Name of College	Location of College	Year of Graduation
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Area of study and how it prepared him or her for his or her career

Activities, clubs, or sports during high school and college

Fun facts from high school and college years

Research Outline—Early Career

Military

Yes

No

Branch of Service

Final Rank

Significant career events

Date of event

1.

2.

3.

4.

Fun facts from career years

Research Outline—Personal Life

Name of Spouse

Year they married

Number of children

Names and gender of children

Places the family lived

Date of death

Place of death

Cause of death

Fun facts from personal life

Sample Writing for Text Blocks

Here are some short samples to use as examples when writing your text blocks.

Early Life

George S. Patton was born on Nov. 11, 1885, in San Gabriel, California, to George and Ruth Patton. He had a sister named Anne. Some historians think he might have had a reading disability and didn't start school until age 11.

Education

The Patton family had a history of military service, and George wanted to carry on that tradition after graduating from Pasadena High School. He went to the Virginia Military Institute for one year. He then transferred and ended up graduating from West Point in 1909. He also graduated from the Army War College in 1932.

Career

Patton's first taste of battle came on the back of a horse against Pancho Villa in the Mexican American War. He served in World War I under General Pershing, using a tank instead of a horse. During World War II, he was a general and led troops in Africa and Europe. However, his famous temper sometimes got him in trouble with his commanding officers.

Personal Life

When he wasn't on the battlefield, Patton spent time with his family. He married Beatrice Ayer after college, and they had three children: George, Beatrice and Ruth. Patton died Dec. 21, 1945, after suffering injuries in a car accident while serving in Heidleberg, Germany.

Rough Draft

Name _____

Date _____

X

Rough Draft

Name _____

Date _____

X

It's All About Teamwork!

Putting together the Fun Facts box and the Timeline is going to be a team effort. Below, please list 2 fun facts you would like to have included in the order or importance. You only have so much room, so don't be upset if both of your fun facts don't make it into the box. Next, list 3 important events in your subject's life to include on the timeline if you wrote about early life, education, or personal life. If you wrote about career, please include 5 important events. Once again, they might not all make it onto the timeline, but it is better to have too many options than too few.

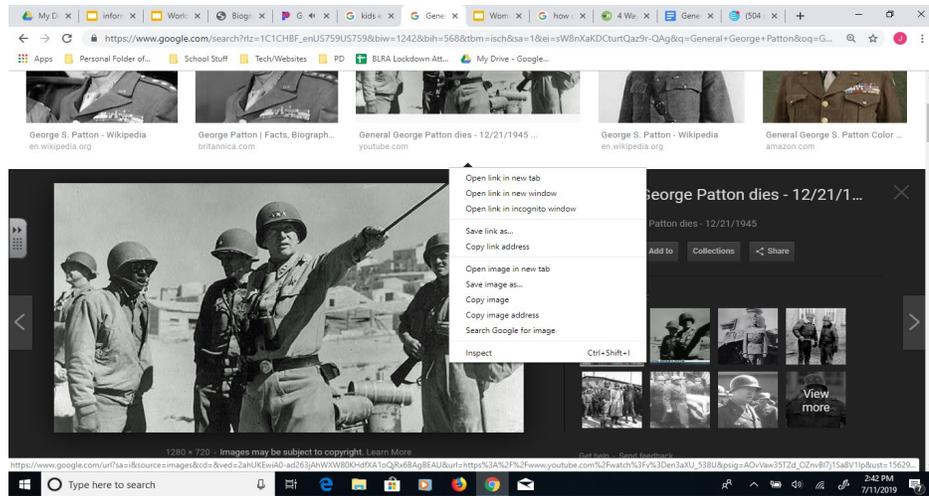
Fun Fact Box

1. _____
2. _____

Timeline Events

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

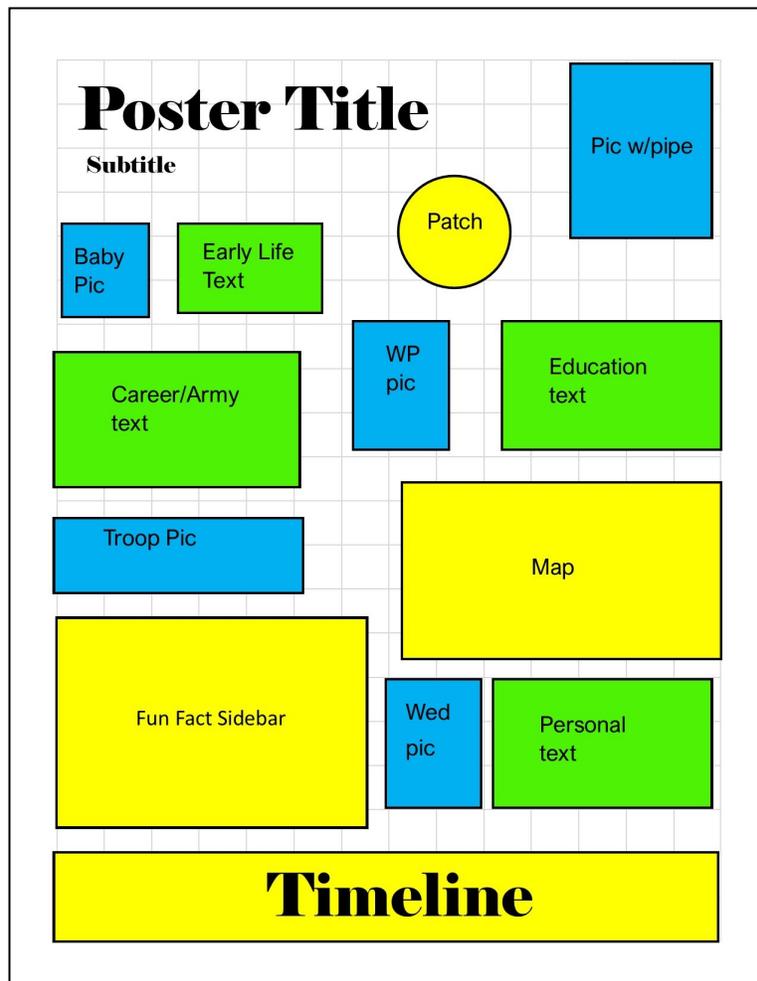
Finding Photos and Graphics on Google



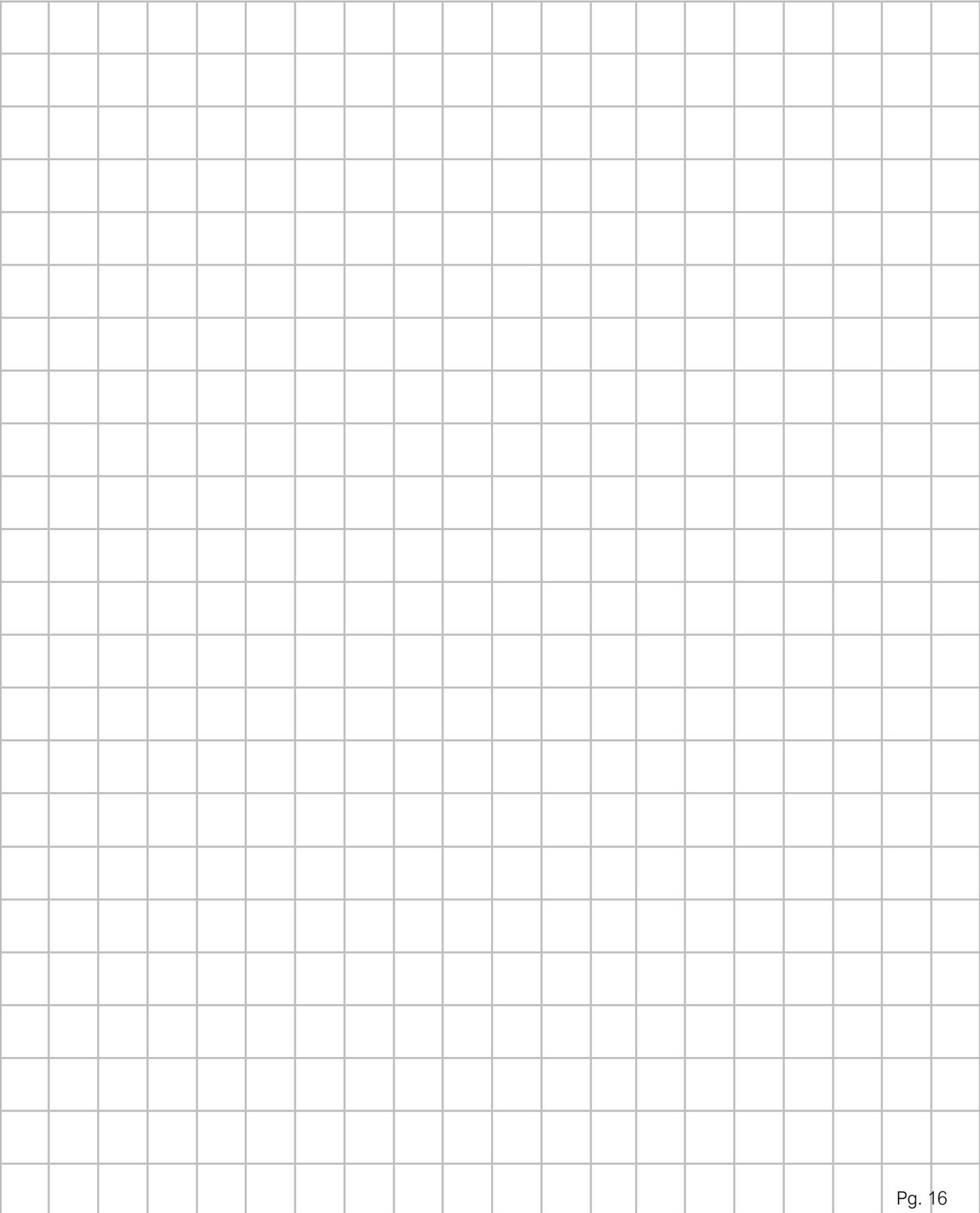
1. Go to Google on your computer and type the leader's name into the search box.
2. Under the top search bar you will see an icon that says *Images*. LEFT click on it.
3. Find the image you want, and LEFT click on it.
4. When the image appears, RIGHT click on it and scroll down to **COPY IMAGE** and LEFT click (NOT copy image address!)
5. Open a Google, Word, or Publisher document. Go to the Edit button and LEFT click on *Paste*.
6. Your picture should appear!

It's All About Teamwork!

When it comes time to design your poster, it will be helpful to do a practice layout first. Work together as a team to figure out what you want it to look like. Place the pictures, maps, Fun Fact boxes, timelines, and any other graphic elements first. You can always change the size and shape of your text blocks to make them fit into the spaces left. Think of the boxes on the practice layout sheet as being 1 inch by 1 inch. Then make your pictures and other elements the sizes required. It also helps to use a ruler and a pencil to do a practice layout. That way, you are assured of having straight lines and being able to erase if you want to make a change. There is an example of a practice layout below.



Poster Design Practice Layout



It's All About Teamwork!

It's time to put together the final product. To make sure you don't make any mistakes that can't come unglued or get torn, lay out all the elements onto the poster WITHOUT GLUE to make sure they match your practice layout. They all must fit. Also, you might consider using a yardstick to place the items to make sure they are straight. Use a pencil to make small marks on the poster board where the corners of each element should be placed. By doing this, you will make sure your elements are being placed exactly where they are supposed to be. One of the best ways to glue down elements is to run the glue stick along all the edges, and then run the glue sticks from corner to corner in a big X shape.

Gen. George Patton

"Old Blood and Guts"



Early Life

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The Army Years

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The West Point Years

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Fun Facts

- General Patton's grandfather and great uncle died in the Civil War fighting for the Confederate Army.
- In 1912, Patton competed in the Summer Olympics in Stockholm, Sweden, and took fifth place in the Modern Pentathlon.
- Patton was a terrific swordsman, and he taught classes to soldiers on using swords in combat.
- By the end of the war, Patton and the troops of his Third Army had freed or conquered 81,522 miles of Europe.

Family Life



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Time to Present

Just as you worked together to create your poster, you are going to work together to present your work. It will be important to know in which order people will present, and what exactly they will be presenting. Fill out the form below to have with you as you are doing the presentation so you will know exactly when you will speak and what you will tell your classmates.

Early Life Presenter _____

Education Presenter _____

Career Presenter _____

Personal Life Presenter _____

Fun Facts Box Presenter _____

Map Presenter _____

Timeline Presenter _____

