

# Lesson Plan

## Subject: History

- I. Title:
  - A. Unit Title
    - i. World War II
  - B. Lesson Title
    - i. The Prisoner of War Experience Europe
- II. Objectives—each student will be able to:
  1. Describe the experience of American Prisoners of War in German occupied Europe.
  2. Describe the experience of German Prisoners of War in America.
  3. Compare and contrast the experience of both groups noting the similarities and differences between them.
- III. Content and Strategies:
  - A. Introduction
    1. Over the next several class periods, we will examine the Prisoners of War experience of soldiers on both sides of the war in Europe.
    2. Today, we began viewing the film "Stalag 17"
      - a. You will need your notebook, a writing implement and the study guide just handed to you.
    3. The first class after the film we will complete the Stalag 17 Web Activity in the Computer Lab.
    4. During the final class of the week we will complete the reading "Hitler's Legions in America"
  - B. Body
    1. Classes 1-3 (40 minutes each) Students are to view the film "Stalag 17" (120 minutes) and complete the attached study guide.
    2. Class 4 Utilizing the Internet, students are to view the following webpage
      - a. STALAG 17b (<http://www.b24.net/pow/stalag17.htm>) and answer the attached Stalag 17 Web Activity questions. If the activity is not completed in class, students will be given a hard copy of the webpage and complete the activity for homework.
      - b. In addition to the attached Stalag 17 Web Activity, students will need their Stalag 17 Study Guide and film notes
    3. Class 5 Students are to read "Hitler's Legions in America" and answer the attached discussion questions.
    4. Homework Using their Stalag 17 Study Guide, film notes, web activity notes, the webpage and the reading "Hitler's Legions in America," students write an essay of no less than 200 words comparing and contrasting the Prisoner of War experience of German soldiers in America and American soldiers in German occupied Europe. Due next class.

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## C. Evaluation

1. The following will be evaluated
  - a. Stalag 17 Study Guide questions and notes
  - b. Stalag 17 Web Activity questions
  - c. "Hitler's Legions in America" discussion questions
  - d. Students' essays

## IV. Resources, Instruction Materials, and Activities Being Used:

1. Film "Stalag 17" 1953
  - a. Attached Stalag 17 Study Guide
  - b. Internet Movie Database
    - i. Plot Summary  
(<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0046359/plotsummary>)
2. Computer Lab
  - a. Webpage STALAG 17b (<http://www.b24.net/pow/stalag17.htm>)
  - b. Attached Stalag 17 Web Activity questions
3. Reading
  - a. Arnold Krammer. "Hitler's Legions in America," in *American Experiences*, ed. James S. Olson and Randy Roberts 216-224. Glenview Illinois: Scott Foresman and Company, 1990.
  - b. Attached discussion questions
4. Essay Instructions
  - a. Attached The Prisoner of War Experience