**The Great Patriotic War**

**(1941-1945)**

**Lesson Plan**

***Grade Levels:*** 7-9, 10-11

In this lesson plan, adaptable for grades 7-9, students explore resources about the main battles of the Soviet Army during the Great Patriotic War. Then they discuss new information of those events, answer quiz questions and work in pairs to create a cinquain on the topic.

***Students will:***

1. Read a poem, watch a video about the Great Patriotic War, brainstorm what they feel when they think about the war.

2. Explore an interactive map and short text with descriptions of the main battles during the Great Patriotic War.

3. Exchange new information they got from the texts.

4. Take a quiz to show what they learned about the main events of the Great Patriotic War.

5. Write a cinquain (a brief summary) that requires to find and highlight the most essential elements on the topic, analyse them, draw conclusions and formulate briefly based on the basic principles of writing a poem.

***Materials:***

interactive poster (glog)

Interactive map

Interactive quiz

smartboard

laptops

***Vocabulary:***

soldier, battle, battlefield, shelling, tank, aircraft, losses, bombing, defence, heroic deed, assault, offensive, siege, turning point, surrender, fight, courage, selflessness

***Lesson Procedure:***

1. Ask students what they feel when they think about the Great Patriotic war. Encourage them to share their opinion on the topic.

2. Display the glog on the smartboard and invite students read a poem and watch a video. Discuss with students what the topic of the lesson is, why it is important to tell about the events of the Great Patriotic War. Ask students what they know about the main battles of the Soviet Army during the war.

3. Explain students that they will work with an interactive map to find more information about the battles, then share the information with their classmates. They will answer quiz questions to show what they learned at the lesson and write a cinquain to highlight the most essential elements on the topic.

4. Invite students work in groups. Hand round a KWL-chart. activate students’ knowledge about the main battles of the Great Patriotic War by asking them what they know about it, such as who attacked, why, and what was the outcome. Let students jot their responses in the “WHAT I KNOW” (K) column. Then ask what they would like to know about the battles, and write their responses in the middle “WHAT I WANT TO KNOW” (W) column.

5. Invite students to work with an interactive map to expand their knowledge about the Great Patriotic War and return to the KWL-chart to fill in new information in the “WHAT I LEARNED” (L) column.

6. Ask students to share new information they have got after working with the map.

7. Offer students to take a quiz on the topic to check their new knowledge on the topic.

8. Instruct students how to write a cinquain and inspire them to write own cinquains to show their emotions, feelings and thoughts about the Great Patriotic War and soviet soldiers’ heroism.

9. When students finish creating cinquains, ask them share these short poems in the group.

10. Discuss with students results of the lesson and let them work with the interactive map to add information about other battles or create a new quiz about the events of the Great Patriotic War.