LESSON MAKER PRO

Turning Point Cards

Connect causes, consequences, and evidence from the World Wars.

HIGH SCHOOL · MWH.C.6

MWH.C.6 "Evaluate the global transformation created by the World Wars. Analyze the underlying causes and significant events of World War I. Describe complex and multiple causes of World War I, including militarism, nationalism..."

NAME _____ **DATE** _____

OUR GROUND RULES Read together first

1. Use facts from the TOPIC card to support your claims.
2. Explain how events connect, not just what happened.
3. You may agree, disagree, or keep your view.
4. Leave any MOVE card unused if it does not fit the discussion.

HOW TO PLAY Teams of 3 or 4

1. Choose one TOPIC card and read it together.
2. Each player takes one ROLE card. With three players, share the fourth role's job.
3. Shuffle two sets of MOVE cards and deal four cards to each player. Set extra cards aside.
4. Discuss the topic. When you genuinely use a card's sentence starter, play it to the middle.
5. Stop after eight minutes, even if cards remain. Then check the reflection statements.

AFTER THE ROUND Check what you did

- [ ] I used a fact to support a claim about a World War or its aftermath.
- [ ] I explained a link between at least two causes or events.
- [ ] I considered an effect on people or places.
- [ ] I can state my final view, whether it changed or stayed the same.

Cut along the dashed lines

TOPIC CARDS · pick one per round

TOPIC

War Without Borders

World War I drew in people and resources from beyond Europe, used trenches and chemical weapons, and killed millions. Which feature best shows why it was a total war, and what human cost did it create?

TOPIC

Road to War

The Great Depression caused mass unemployment, Germany rebuilt its military in defiance of the Treaty of Versailles, and the League of Nations failed to stop invasions. Which factor most enabled the slide into World War II, and how did at least two factors connect?

TOPIC

After the Shoah

Nazi Germany and its collaborators murdered six million Jews in the Shoah. After World War II, the Nuremberg Trials prosecuted Nazi leaders, and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights set a global standard for rights. Which response could do more to prevent future state violence, and what is one limit of that response?

ROLE CARDS · one per player

ROLE

Fact Finder

Point out details from the TOPIC card that support or challenge a claim.

ROLE

Cause Builder

Watch for links between conditions, decisions, and events.

ROLE

Claim Tester

Ask whether a claim overlooks another cause or a limit in the evidence.

ROLE

Impact Spotter

Keep track of how events affected people and places.

MOVE CARDS · deal 4 to each player

MOVE CARD

FIND EVIDENCE

"One detail we have is ____."

MOVE CARD

FIND EVIDENCE

"Another detail that matters is ____."

MOVE CARD

LINK CAUSES

"One cause was ____, which led to ____ because ____."

MOVE CARD

LINK CAUSES

"Another factor was ____; it mattered because ____."

MOVE CARD

TRACE IMPACT

"This affected ____ by ____."

MOVE CARD

TRACE IMPACT

"Beyond Europe, this mattered because ____."

MOVE CARD

TEST CLAIM

"A limit to that claim is ____."

MOVE CARD

SUM UP

"Our ending view is ____, based on ____."

Cards last longer on thick paper.

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RUNNING THE ROUNDS

Run an eight-minute round with one topic, then use a new topic for another round if time allows. Do not require every card to be played or every student to change their mind. If participation is uneven, invite a quieter player to offer a topic fact or test a claim without requiring a particular move.

WHAT A STRONG ROUND SOUNDS LIKE

Ava	One detail we have is that Germany rebuilt its military in defiance of the Treaty of Versailles.
Ben	One cause was the League's failure to stop invasions, which led to less resistance to aggression because nations did not act together.
Cleo	This affected people in Europe by making another major war more likely.
Dara	A limit to that claim is that mass unemployment also helped extremist promises gain support.
Ava	Our ending view is that League inaction mattered most, based on its failure to stop invasions while Germany rebuilt its military.

LISTEN FOR

- Specific TOPIC card facts used as evidence
- An explained connection between causes, decisions, and events
- Attention to human costs or effects beyond one country
- A qualified conclusion that allows agreement or a supported difference

There are no right answers to the topic cards. Score the moves students make, not their opinions.