



American Battle
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presents
The Past is Prologue
Essay Contest
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Students ages 11-12, 13-15, 16-18 are invited to compete within their age group.

\$10,000 First Prize, \$5,000 Second Prize, \$2,500 Third Prize awarded in the 13-15 and 16-18 age groups
\$5,000 First Prize, \$2,500 Second Prize and \$1,500 Third Prize awarded in the 11-12 age group

Essay deadline is **May 31, 2023**. Early submissions encouraged.

Details and Application Form: abmf.org



- ★ Do you want to learn more about American history?
- ★ Do you like to think about how global events relate to your life?
- ★ Do you need an extra credit assignment for the school year?

Topics: Choose to write about one of two topics from WWII. Importantly, reflect upon what we can learn from the event, and how it is relevant to your life today and to your future.

Operation Husky

The July 1943 Allied invasion of Sicily was a pre-dawn, immense airborne and amphibious assault that began the successful liberation of Italy. The Allies' use of deceptive tactics prior to the operation led the Germans to believe the invasion would take place elsewhere. Operation Husky had a significant impact on the future of Italy's Fascist leader and Hitler ally, Benito Mussolini. The Sicily-Rome American Cemetery in Italy honors 7,845 American military war dead who fought for the liberation of Italy.



Dutch Life under Nazi Occupation and the Cost of Liberation
Nazi Germany invaded the Netherlands, a neutral country, in 1940 to control Dutch airfields from which to launch attacks on the United Kingdom. The Nazi's initial "velvet glove" approach quickly ended, leading to brutal and punitive oppression, made worse by forced labor, starvation, and lack of fuel. Their liberation gained steam after the 1944 D-Day invasions. At the Netherlands American Military Cemetery, 8,288 American service members are buried; another 1,722 are memorialized as Missing in Action.

The American Battle Monuments Foundation (abmf.org) is the official non-profit partner of the American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC.gov). ABMC, a U.S. government agency, is responsible for all of America's 26 military cemeteries and 32 memorials overseas. ABMF works to ensure that young people know that the more than 218,000 Americans who fought, died, and are buried or memorialized away from the homeland, did so to defend the values of personal liberty and democratic governance, a spirit that undergirds American leadership of the Free World.

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