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History Intersects Today

Use this sample to kick off your lesson on **World War II** in high school US History with exclusive materials from **US History Interactive**. In this topic, students will learn about the beginnings of World War II, America's involvement in the war effort, how battles were fought, and more. While World War I was fought mainly in trenches, much of World War II was fought in the air, with new bomber planes causing destruction from Hawaii to London. A lot of this was due to the booming plastics industry, which made planes safer for pilots to fly. In this Connections to Today activity, students will examine warfare during World War II and the factories that supplied weapons to learn how plastic changed the world.

How to Add Connections to Today to your Unit

1. Use the resources from the **Hook & Inspire: Connections to Today** teaching resources and **Discussion Questions** to kick off the topic.
2. Log onto your demo Realize account and use our **Connections to Today Playlist** to determine which historic resources tie to the Connections to Today topic theme.
3. Assign the **Take Action** activity at the end of the topic to show students how history informs the future.

Access the Realize course today!

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STEP ONE

Hook & Inspire: Connections to Today

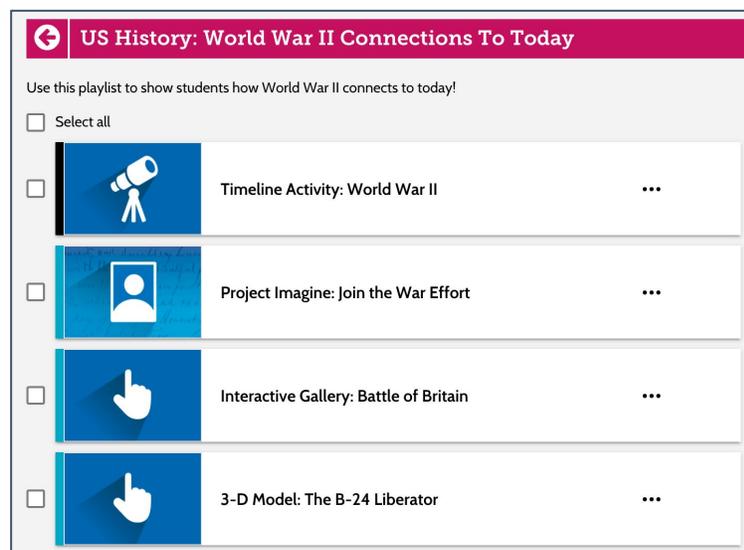
Go to the Teacher Opener folder on Realize for the Hook & Inspire teaching suggestions, including videos from popular movies such as *Mean Girls* and a video showing the history of plastic use in the US.

STEP TWO

Connections to Today Playlist

Go to My Library on Savvas Realize to access the suggested playlist with the following resources:

- **Topic Timeline** -- project to your students to provide topic context.
- **Project Imagine: Join the War Effort** -- Learn how different Americans helped the war effort in various ways.
- **Interactive Gallery: The Battle of Britain** -- See the effects of the Battle of Britain, and listen to Edward Murrow's live broadcast on the radio.
- **Interactive 3-D Model: B-24 Liberator** -- Take a tour of the the B-24 Liberator airplane.



Take Action to Learn About Plastics

The crisis of war often spurs researchers to develop new technologies and innovations. These advances, born of necessity in a time of peril, often transfer into use in civilian life.

1. Choose one of the following technology-related topics:

- **Medical Field:** Explore how single-use plastic medical devices impact health care and the environment.
- **Recycling:** Research what happens to recycled plastic and the challenges and opportunities presented by recycling.
- **Innovation:** Research new products that are emerging to replace common plastic products we use in everyday life.

Notebook



STEP THREE

Connections to Today: Take Action

Go to the Topic Closer on Savvas Realize to find a Take Action Activity to complete with students. In this topic, students will pick a topic (single use plastic in medicine, recycling, and innovation) and research it. Students will complete a Public Service Announcement that informs the public about the impact of plastics on people's lives and the environment.



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