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**WWII: Debate Topics**

1. Conscription: Earlier this week, Germany invaded Poland and broke the final requirements of the Treaty of Versailles. The British and French governments immediately declared war on Germany and said that they would take military action if Germany did not withdraw from Poland. In Canada, citizens and politicians are divided about the issue of joining another war in Europe. Should Canada force enlistment in the war (conscription) or should it be on a volunteer basis?
2. Atomic bomb: Canada provided the uranium for the American’s atomic bombs. Over 11,000 Japanese civilians were killed by those bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Many more later died of their injuries and of diseases as a result of their exposure to the radiation. A future generation fell victim to genetic mutations. Can the use of weapons of mass destruction, such as the atom bomb, ever be morally justified? Has the development of nuclear bombs made the prospect of world peace more or less likely? Why?
3. The bombing of civilian targets, such as the German bombing of London and the Allied bombing of Hamburg, was widespread during World War II. Were these bombing necessary evils in the course of war or unjustified atrocities?