*“Dear America”: World War II Letter Home*

Review PowerPoint/ class website about World War II in Alaska. You can also use other websites you find; but be careful to evaluate the source of information for accuracy. Plagiarized work will receive a 0.

You are an American Soldier stationed in the Alaskan Territory. Chances are, you’re from somewhere other than Alaska. Many soldiers came from Georgia, Texas, and Oklahoma.

* CHOOSE one of the following events:
  1. Bombing of Dutch Harbor – June 1942
  2. Battle of Attu - May 1943
  3. Battle of Kiska - August 1943
  4. Building the Al-Can Highway – 1943
  5. Aleut Internment - 1942 - 1945
* WRITE a letter describing the conditions and dangers. to someone back home describing the conditions and dangers. Include as many details about this time period as you can. Include unit-specific vocabulary about locations, equipment, events and people.
* Include (if it’s relevant to the event you choose) your thoughts on how WWII brought an economic boom to Alaska, and how the infrastructure built during WWII helped develop Alaska’s economy.

Letter Rubric:

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| **60-69** | **70-79** | **80-89** | **90-100** |
| Letter demonstrates little or no understanding of World War II in the Aleutians and the conditions and dangers. Few details are included. Multiple errors may be present. | Letter demonstrates some understanding of World War II in the Aleutians and the conditions and dangers. Details and some unit-specific vocabulary are included. Ideas on how event affected Alaska’s economy are described. Errors are minimal. | Letter demonstrates a clear understanding of World War II in the Aleutians and the conditions and dangers. Specific details are included. Ideas on how event affected Alaska’s economy are described. Unit-specific vocabulary is included. Very few errors. | Letter demonstrates a strong understanding of World War II in the Aleutians and the conditions and dangers. Unit-specific vocabulary is included. Multiple specific details are included. Ideas on how event affected Alaska’s economy are described. Letter is professional and creative. Almost no errors. |