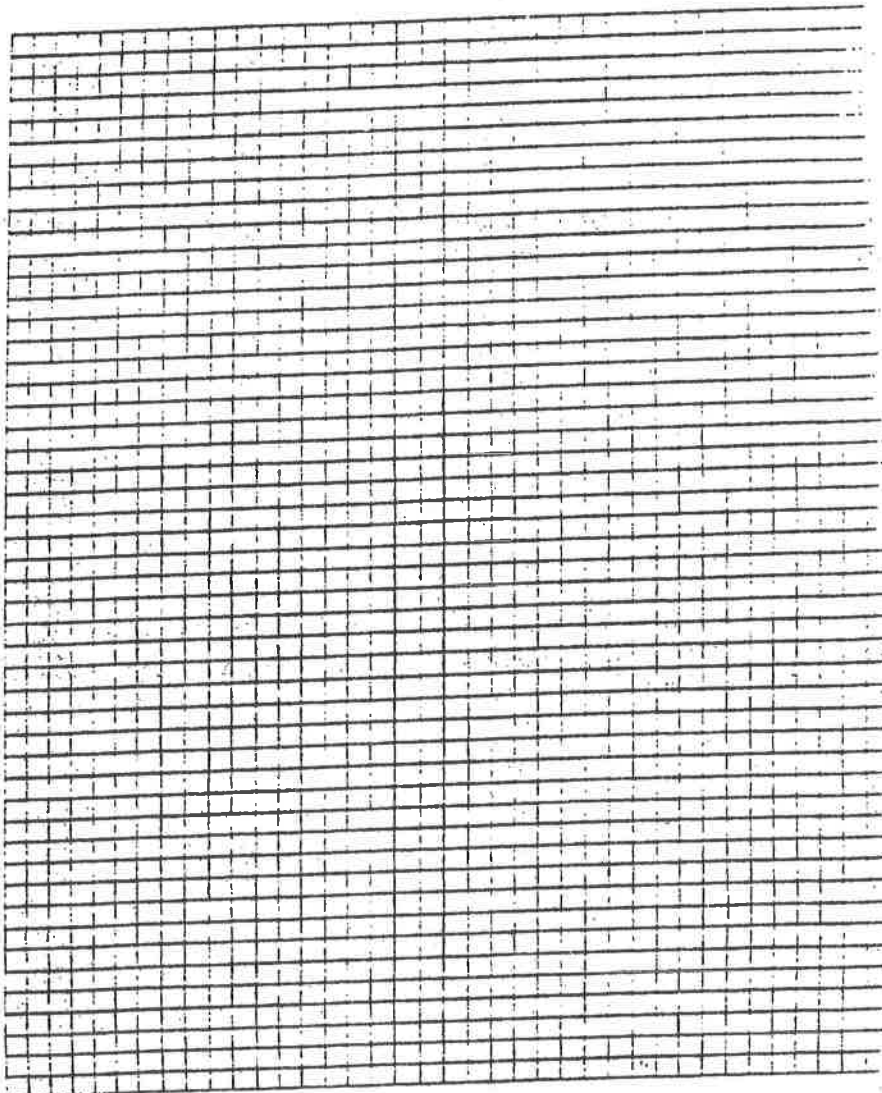


Casualties of World War II Graphing Activity

Purpose- To graphically display the number of soldiers and civilians that died in World War II and better understand different nations responses to such losses

Country	Military Dead	Civilian Dead
Britain	389,000	65,000
France	211,000	108,000
Soviet Union	7,500,000	15,000,000
United States	292,000	very small number
Germany	2,850,000	5,000,000
Italy	77,500	100,000
Japan	1,576,000	300,000

Construct a bar graph of the casualties of World War II using two different colors for soldiers and civilians. A scale of each box equals 200,000 is appropriate.



Questions:

1. Which country suffered the highest number of casualties, both militarily and civilian?

2. How do you think this country might react to such losses? What might it try to do at the end of this horrific war?

3. Why were the civilian losses basically zero for the United States?

4. Which countries suffered more civilian loss life than military loss of life? Why do you think this was the case for these countries?

5. If the losses in China and the Holocaust are included, the total loss of life due to this conflict is approximately 75 million people. Do you think the world would tolerate such loss of life today? Why or why not?