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World War Two: a time full of sadness, a time full of grief, time full of anger, and a time full of corruption. World War Two officially started on September 1'1 in 1939 when Germany invaded Poland.World War Two lasted for six years and more than 60 million people lost their Jives. The number of people killed, wounded, and missing between September of 1939, to when the war ended, September of 1945 can never be calculated because there were so many. By 1942 all the major countries around the world were involved, including the United States. We, the United States, sent more than 50 billion worth of war materials to aid the Allies. With the effort that we put into this war, to me World War Two meant a time of despair, coming together, and beneficial.

World War Two meant a time of despair because of the mistreatment of the human race to other human races. The Holocaust took a big part in the war, even though it wasn't known as well as it should have during the war. The Holocaust started in 1941 and 6 million people from the Holocaust alone lost their lives. Most of them were Jews. The rest were homosexuals, disabled, and Gypsies. Dictator of Germany, Hitler, created these concentration camps that had mass killing centers in them to execute the Jews, homosexuals, disabled and Gypsies. Even after Germany was defeated it was hard for the Jewish people to live. They had lost their families and were denounced by their non-Jewish neighbors. I myself wouldn't know what to do with my life if I didn't have my family by my side. My family is my support my back bone. And because of the Holocaust's bitter legacy many Germans are still embarrassed.

Not only did World War Two mean a time of sadness to me, but also a time of coming together. From France to China to the United States, we all joined hands to stop the Axis: Germany, Japan, and Italy. With all the Allies joining hands to stop the Axis we had a lot more power. Although during this time Germany had a lot of power we came through and defended for what was right. I remember always felt badly for watching instead of helping when I saw bullying, until my brother was a victim. The Axis were the bullies in the war, and if us, the Allies, didn't stand up and come together then it would be a shame on us. Lastly, the war had become beneficial to us. It seemed that the whole world was in an economic crisis, and the war really helped us. World War Two had created and opened up many jobs for the United States. Scientific inventions and discoveries also helped shortened the war. Although, during the war, times weren't that great, after the war it was very beneficial to our economy. What are your thoughts on World War Two?