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Mason, T. W. “Some Origins of the Second World War.” *Past & Present*, no. 29 (1964): 67–72. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/650162>.

67 – 13. National Socialist regime carried out horrific acts during the time of inter-war. 14. These devastating events caused historians to wrongfully accuse the Third Reich for the worst war crimes committed in Western European history. This had led to the initial spark of the Second World War. 24. The countries that had complicated moral authorities were France, Russia, and Great Britain.

68 – 2. The Nuremburg Trials portrays the dark history of Nazi Germany; the trials that took place to hold those accountable for the atrocious war crimes of the Second World War. 13. Foreign policies were mandated by raison d’etat to handle international affairs concerning political, economic, and theological occurrences.15. One of the many reasons for the Second World War occurrence could be blamed on National Socialism by Mr. Taylor. 22. France and Britain were mainly involved in political, economic, and philosophical regimes with the war. They set the foundation of the events that led to the war by their rules and regulations.

69 – 29. The Third Reich’s foreign policy was complex, without any boundaries to accomplish power and authority; serving as the ultimate status quo.

70 – 17. Compared to other authoritative officials, Hitler had the most desire for dominance and his “habits and nature” was one of the big reasons that resulted in the Second World War. 29. Hitler had personality traits that made him stand out amongst others which was his charisma and confidence which made him gain many followers for his inhumane plan. He led a massive political movement in Western Europe.

71 – 4. Mr. Taylor explains that his book has more information that states the influence of Great Britain and France, more than the influence of Hitler. This is due to the fact that both countries, France and Great Britain, were successful in the First World War.

72. – 15. Great Britain and France warned against Hitler that if Germany were to invade Poland, both of the countries would declare war. Hitler went against their threat and that is what caused the Second World War to break.

There are many similarities between the two articles that have been used for WA1 and WA4. The second article “Some Origins of the Second World War” discusses the relevant sociopolitical events that occurred to result in the Second World War. The author goes in depth with explaining which counties got involved which were Great Britain and France, which country was the attacker which was Germany, and which country was the victim which was Poland. The author further goes on to explain the country’s political views such as nationalism and the Third Reich foreign policy. The first article “The Causes of the Second World War in Europe: A New Scientific Explanation” shared many similarities with the second article. One example would be how the author did a breakdown of the Second World War analyzed by political scientists. It mentions the countries Great Britain and France being the winners of the First World War, just like it mentions that in the second article as well. Both articles also mention Hitler and his influence on the Second World War. The differences between these two articles is that the first article is mainly focused on the scientific based explanations about the cause of the Second World War, while the second article mentions the political, ideological, and economic events that occurred in detail that caused the Second World War.