

THIRD CONDITIONAL – CHANGING HISTORY

I. Read the text and mark the sentences True (T) or False (F). Make corrections in the False statements.

IF WWII HADN'T OCCURRED...

World War II, which took place from 1939 to 1945, was a global conflict that involved major powers and reshaped the course of history. With its devastating scale and widespread impact, the war witnessed unprecedented military strategies, atrocities, and ultimately led to significant geopolitical and social transformations.



If World War II had not occurred, the world would have experienced significant differences across various aspects. Firstly, the geopolitical landscape would have been altered, as the post-war division of power, such as the emergence of the United States and the Soviet Union as superpowers, would have been avoided. The European colonial empires might have remained intact for longer, with decolonization taking a different trajectory.

Economically, the war's devastating effects would have been averted. Nations would have avoided the immense financial and infrastructural costs of war, potentially leading to accelerated economic development and prosperity. Scientific and technological advancements that were spurred by the war might have been delayed or taken different paths.

Additionally, without the atrocities and horrors of World War II, there would be a different collective memory and approach to international relations. The United Nations, established in response to the war, might have evolved differently or might not have been formed at all. Overall, a world without World War II would have been fundamentally different, with its impact felt across politics, economy, and social development.

1. WWII started in the late 30's.

T F

Correction if necessary _____

2. WWII did not bring important changes in the world.

T F

Correction if necessary _____

3. The U.S. and the Soviet Union would have emerged as superpowers even if WWII hadn't happened.

T F

Correction if necessary _____

4. WWII accelerated the prosperity of many countries.

T F

Correction if necessary _____

5. WWII paved the way for technological and scientific achievements. T F

Correction if necessary _____

II. Write five bullet points where you explain five aspects that would or wouldn't have changed if WWII hadn't occurred. Make sentences using the Third Conditional.

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