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| Storm of Steel |
| Essay Assignment |



Read the following chapters of Ernst Jünger’s *Storm of Steel*:

Ch. 6 – The Beginning of the Battle of the Somme

Ch. 7 – Guillemont

Ch. 15 – The Double Battle of Cambrai

Ch. 16 – At the Cojeul River

Ch. 17 – The Great Battle

Ch. 18 – British Gains

Ch. 19 – My Last Assault

Ch. 20 – We Fight Our Way Through

Afterwards, write an essay answering **TWO** of the following questions:

1. Should Jünger’s account be considered a "pro" or "anti" war book?

2. What insights does Storm of Steel provide into the experiences of a soldier during WWI?

3. What is Jünger’s attitude to the enemy, the British, in Storm of Steel?

Length: 5-6 pages; double-spaced, 12-point font.

Do not use any outside sources. You should be able to write the assignment based on the book

Storm of Steel itself.

Your essay you must have a **thesis** or **main argument** to your paper (which usually addresses the

questions you are tackling). **Successful essays will provide good examples from the text to**

**support your claims. Use footnotes to cite examples and page numbers.[[1]](#footnote-1)**

Your assignment will be stronger if you take examples from throughout the

assigned chapters rather than concentrating on a few sections.

Be sure to keep a copy of your assignment for your records.

You will be evaluated based on accuracy of information, lack of mechanical errors, overall neatness and appearance, and adherence to specifications. A rubric can be found on the following page.

Storm of Steel Project: Essay Rubric

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|  | **Satisfactory (3-4 pts)** | **Approaching Satisfactory (1-2pts)** | **Unsatisfactory (0pts)** |
|  | **A - B** | **C - D** | **F** |
| Intro | \_\_\_ Clear introduction  \_\_\_ Takes a position  \_\_\_ Interesting and invites the reader to continue  \_\_\_ Provides some historical context | \_\_\_ Unclear or poorly developed  intro  \_\_\_ Weak, vague position  \_\_\_ Weak hook that is irrelevant  \_\_\_ Little background information | \_\_\_ No introduction  \_\_\_ No position  \_\_\_ No hook  \_\_\_ No background information |
| Body | \_\_\_ Reasons generally back up the writers position or point  \_\_\_ Examples & quotes support the paper with some relevant information from a few sources  \_\_\_ Insignificant content errors  \_\_\_ Thoughtful & persuasive | \_\_\_ Topic sentences are vague with few supporting reasons  \_\_\_ Examples & quotes are vague with minimum use  \_\_\_ Several content errors  \_\_\_ Somewhat thoughtful & persuasive | \_\_\_ Position missing so support is irrelevant and shows little or no understanding of the topic  \_\_\_ No examples, quotes, evidence or evidence and commentary do not relate to the thesis, prompt, or documents  \_\_\_ Major content errors  \_\_\_ Unpersuasive |
| Conclusion | \_\_\_ Main points restated  \_\_\_ Explanation of importance of topic  \_\_\_ Brings closure with some insight | \_\_\_ Loosely related to main point  \_\_\_ Vague explanation of the importance of the topic and evidence presented  \_\_\_ Does not bring closure | \_\_\_ No conclusion  \_\_\_ No explanation of importance  \_\_\_Unrelated to topic |
| Writing Conventions | \_\_\_ Few grammatical and spelling errors  \_\_\_ Minor errors in source citations  \_\_\_ Smooth and logical flow  \_\_\_ Appropriate use of language  \_\_\_ Substantive and consistent | \_\_\_ Grammar/spelling errors evident, but do not interfere with argument presented  \_\_\_ Distracting errors in source citations; few sources  \_\_\_ Some lapses in flow  \_\_\_ Some use of informal language  \_\_\_ Mostly substantive and consistent | \_\_\_ Frequent grammatical/spelling mistakes that interfere with understanding  \_\_\_ No citations  \_\_\_ No logical flow or organization  \_\_\_Use of informal language throughout  \_\_\_ Irrelevant or confusing |

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**Plagiarism in any form will automatically result in a “0” for the project.**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Total ÷ 64 (possible points)

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