

Civil Defense Propaganda Poster Activity **(HS. 31 U.S. Foreign Policy and the Impact on the U.S.)**

View the different types of Nuclear War propaganda on the following website:

<http://www.civildefensemuseum.com/artgal/artgallery.html>

Directions: Using a blank sheet of white paper, draw a poster to help the Civil Defense Program help protect the people of the United States in case of Nuclear Warfare. Think of your poster as being a snapshot in history or something people may have seen in a newspaper or on T.V. at that time.

Propaganda Poster Requirements:

- Choose One type of defense:
 - 1) **Community Shelter**
 - 2) **Personal Bomb Shelter**
 - 3) **School Shelter**
- Title (tells the viewer what to do)
- Very Colorful (catches the viewer's eye)
- Memorable Picture (brings out emotion & relates to the title/message & viewer)
- Creative & Unique (do your own work, no tracing)
- Questions (answered correctly on back of poster, using complete sentences, written in paragraph form)

Questions (answered on back of poster):

1. Who is the intended viewer of this poster?
2. Where would this poster be found? (school, farming community, city)?
3. What does the poster tell the viewer to do in case of a Nuclear Emergency?

Answer these questions in a paragraph to receive better than a 2.0

4. How might a person feel if they saw this poster?
5. What does this poster have to do with the Cold War?
6. What is the overall message of this poster?

Grading: 2.0 = Poster meets requirements AND questions 1, 2 and 3 have been answered correctly and in complete sentences..

2.5-3.0 = All of the above AND questions 4, 5, and 6 are also answered. Questions are answered in paragraph form.

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