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# SS10 • Letter: Canada and WWII

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### Scenario:

The year is 1942. Canada has been at War for three years. As Canadian soldiers and resources are being consumed at an alarming rate Canadian politicians and citizens are becoming increasingly divided on what role Canada should continue to play in the dispute.

Place yourself in the year and time. Considering the many issues, what do you think Canada should do?

A few factors to consider (in no particular order):

- The First World War
- The rise of Nazi Germany
- Conscription
- Dieppe
- Isolationism
- The rise of Communism
- Canada's size
- Quebec
- Total War
- War in Europe vs War in Pacific
- Battle of the Atlantic
- Canada-British relations
- Alternative methods of dealing with the conflict...

Newspaper image source (another prompt to consider):

<http://www.janetmcaughton.ca/submarines.html>



### Assignment:

Write a letter to the editor outlining your opinion on Canada's role in the war and future involvement. Support your ideas with reference to at least three of the above factors.

Remember that the year is 1942... you are not aware of anything that happened after this date!

Use the space below to sketch out ideas you will include. Use the reverse side or your own paper to draft out the letter. Make a "fair copy" when you are satisfied with your draft (neat writing or typed).