

How Did the Allies Win the Battle of the Atlantic?

Directions: During World War II, servicemembers often wrote letters home on pre-made stationary sheets known as V-Mail. Imagine that you are a sailor on a U.S. Navy ship. You have spent the last few years performing escort duty for convoys in the Atlantic. The war has just ended and you are finally able to tell your family and friends back home about everything that you have been doing. Write a V-Mail describing how the U.S. Navy (and you) helped win the Battle of the Atlantic.

Address ONE of the following in your V-Mail:

- What were the major challenges posed by U-boats early in the war? Why did the Allies initially struggle to thwart the German attacks?
- How did the Allies overcome their initial setbacks to gain the upper hand in the Battle of the Atlantic? What tools, strategies, etc. did they use? (Hint: Use information from the documents to support your answer).
- Why was it so important that the Allies won the Battle of the Atlantic? What would it have meant if they had not been able to overcome the U-boat threat?

Your V-Mail should meet the following requirements:

Content: Address one question from the prompt by using at least three pieces of evidence drawn from three or more figures in the documents packet.

Organization: include a Salutation (e.g. Dear Bob,), be at least one paragraph in length, include an introduction, well-organized body sentences, and a conclusion. End with a complimentary close (e.g. Sincerely,)

Conventions: Be sure to proofread your work for spelling and grammar.

Print the complete address in plain letters in the panel below, and your return address in the space provided on the right. Use typewriter, dark ink, or dark pencil. Faint or small writing is not suitable for photographing.

TO:

FROM

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

(Sender's complete address above)

HAVE YOU FILLED IN COMPLETE ADDRESS AT TOP?

REPLY BY
V...-MAIL

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POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT PERMIT NO. 1

V-Mail Grading Rubric

	Advanced	Proficient	Basic	Emerging
Content	<p>Writing clearly addresses the prompt.</p> <p>Provides at least three pieces of evidence from the documents to support ideas.</p> <p>Evidence is drawn from three or more figures in the document packet.</p>	<p>Writing addresses the prompt.</p> <p>Provides at least two pieces of evidence from the documents to support ideas.</p> <p>Evidence is drawn from two figures in the document packet.</p>	<p>Writing addresses the prompt.</p> <p>Provides at least one piece of evidence from the documents to support ideas.</p> <p>Evidence is drawn from one figure in the document packet.</p>	<p>Writing does not adequately address the prompt.</p> <p>Provides no clear evidence to support ideas.</p> <p>Evidence is not drawn from figures in the document packet.</p>
Organization	<p>V-Mail begins with an appropriate salutation.</p> <p>Paragraph-length V-Mail includes a clear introduction sentence, well-organized body sentences, and a concluding sentence.</p> <p>V-Mail ends with a complimentary close.</p>	<p>V-Mail begins with a salutation.</p> <p>Paragraph-length V-Mail includes an introduction sentence, body sentences, and a concluding sentence.</p> <p>V-Mail ends with a complimentary close.</p>	<p>V-Mail begins with a salutation.</p> <p>Paragraph length V-Mail is missing one of the following: an introduction sentence, adequate body sentences, or a concluding sentence.</p> <p>V-Mail ends with a complimentary close.</p>	<p>V-Mail lacks a salutation.</p> <p>V-Mail is not paragraph length.</p> <p>No clear introduction sentence, body sentences, and/or concluding sentence.</p> <p>V-Mail lacks a complimentary close.</p>
Conventions	<p>Clear control of grammar, mechanics, spelling, usage, and proper sentence formation.</p>	<p>Adequate control of grammar, mechanics, spelling, usage, and sentence formation.</p>	<p>Limited control of grammar, mechanics, spelling, usage, and sentence formation.</p>	<p>Minimal control of grammar, mechanics, spelling, usage, and sentence formation.</p>