

## City Meeting Assignment

On February 12, 1948, the City Council of Luxembourg City will meet to address the construction of the permanent Luxembourg American Cemetery in the community of Hamm. Since December 29, 1944, American and German soldiers have been buried on that site. The City Council meeting is open to the public and locals can share their ideas in advance by sending a letter to their City Government.

Go back in time and place yourself in the mindset of one of the following citizens, living in Luxembourg in 1948. How would he/she have felt about the construction of Luxembourg American Cemetery? Share your thoughts with the City Council by using what you have learned about the cemetery and the years of German occupation in Luxembourg during World War II. Use at least three reasons from the sources used in the lesson to support your point of view.

- Victor** - born in 1912, from Vianden and member of the *Lëtzebuenger Vollekslegioun* resistance group during World War II. The Germans arrested him in 1942 and sent him to the concentration camps of Hinzert and Lublin until liberation in March 1944.
- Henriette** - born in 1916, from Wiltz. Her six-year-old daughter Jeanine died during the Allied bombardements during the Battle of the Bulge in January 1945.
- Marcel** - born in 1898, from Munsbach. His 18-year-old son Joseph had to enlist in the German Army in 1943 and died on the Eastern Front. His body was never found.
- Madeleine** - born in 1921, from Beaufort. In May 1941 she had to register for the Reich Labor Service *Reichsarbeitsdienst* and worked as a governess for a German family during World War II.
- Jacques** - born in 1892, from Luxembourg-City. He was born in Germany and worked in the office of Civil Administrator *Gauleiter* Gustav Simon during World War II. He left Luxembourg in early September 1944 and returned after the war ended.
- Josephine** - born in 1928, from Dudelange. She was a member of the League of German Girls *Bund Deutscher Mädel*, and studied to become a teacher during World War II.

# City Meeting Assignment Rubric

	<b>Advanced</b>	<b>Proficient</b>	<b>Basic</b>	<b>Emerging</b>
<b>Reasoning with the references to the sources</b>	Letter takes a stand and the argument is supported with more than three reasons.	Letter takes a stand and the argument is supported with two reasons.	Letter takes a stand and the argument is supported with one reason.	Letter is a summary of sources and does not contain an argument.
<b>Accuracy</b>	Letter shows a deep understanding of Luxembourg in World War II and the complexity of the debate over the construction of an overseas military cemetery.  Contains no historical errors.	Letter shows an understanding of Luxembourg in World War II and the debate over the construction of an overseas military cemetery.  Contains only minor historical errors.	Letter shows a basic understanding of Luxembourg in World War II and the debate over the construction of an overseas military cemetery.  Contains historical errors.	Letter shows a minimal or no understanding of Luxembourg in World War II and/or the debate over the construction of an overseas military cemetery.  Contains major historical errors that impede understanding.
<b>Professional Product</b>	Letter is coherent and convincing with no spelling or grammatical mistakes.	Letter is coherent and convincing with few spelling or grammatical mistakes.	Letter is generally coherent and convincing with some spelling or grammatical mistakes.	Letter lacks coherence and a clear reasoning. There are several spelling or grammatical mistakes.