***Battle of Britain Military Assignment***

***Background:*** The Battle of Britain was a tactical air battle fought between the German Luftwaffe and British Royal Air Force from July 1940 through September 1940. The ultimate goal of the Luftwaffe was to destroy the British Air Force so that they could use their airpower to clear the English Channel of British warships. This would allow German transports to cross the English channel and invade mainland England. By September 1940 the Luftwaffe was taking unsustainable losses and gave up on trying to control the skies over England. An infuriated Hitler ordered Herman Goering, the commander of the Luftwaffe, to switch to night time bombing raids of England’s major population centers to pound the British public into surrender. This series of nighttime terror raids went from September 1940 until May of 1941 and became known as “The Blitz.” London was the main target but every major city in southern England was hit at least once. During the height of “The Blitz” from September through November 1940, the city of London was bombed for 57 consecutive nights. Each of the following assignments is worth 30 Points.

***Assignment #1***: ***Military Break-Down***

For this assignment you will need to break down the Battle of Britain and the Blitz. You will need to create a word document that shows each of the following:

1. Types of aircraft used by both the Luftwaffe and RAF during the Battle of Britain and the Blitz
2. Pictures of all of the aircraft involved
3. List of Nazi targets during the Battle of Britain and Blitz
4. List of the number of losses of each side
5. Answer to the following question: “Why were the British ultimately able to win the Battle of Britain? Why was Germany unable to bomb the British public into submission? Explain each of your answers.

***Assignment #2: 1st Person Account***

For this assignment you need to create a typed 1-2 page journal entry as if you either a British pilot during the Battle of Britain or a citizen living in London during the blitz. Be sure to include specifics about who, what, where, when, and why. At the end of the paper include five photographs that support your story.

***Assignment #3: U.S. Government Official***

For this assignment you will need to create a typed 1-2 page paper that could be sent to President FDR. Your paper should summarize the effects of the Blitz on London. Your paper should also include 5 photographs that show the effects of the Blitz on London. Your paper should also answer the following question: “After seeing the effects of the Blitz on London, should the United States support Great Britain in its war against Germany? Explain.”

***Assignment #4: Timeline or Map***

For this assignment you can create a detailed timeline of the Battle of Britain and the Blitz. Each event on your timeline should have a brief description. At least 15 events should be included. The other option is to create a map of Great Britain that shows the damages caused by the Blitz. This map should show the major cities that were attacked, when they were attacked, give a brief description of the damages incurred, and have a few pictures that show the damage.