WWII: Home Front

Vocabulary: Words to Know…

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| War Effort | Conservation | Rationing |
| Internment | War Bond | Victory Garden |
| Propaganda | Defense Plant | Exclusion |

Essential Understandings:

* World War II affected every aspect of American life.
* Americans were asked to make sacrifices in support of the war effort and the ideals for which Americans fought.

H. How did Americans at home support the war effort?

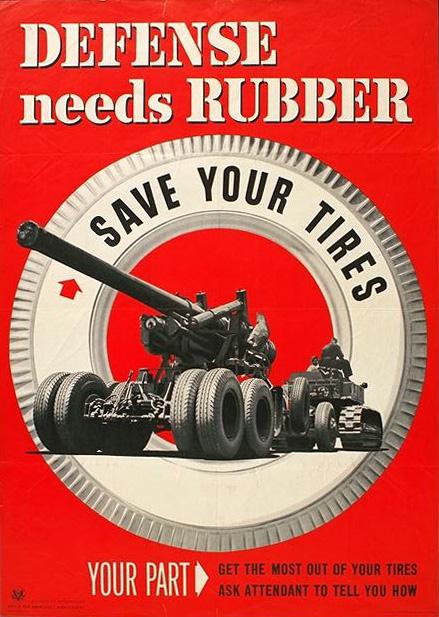
1. American involvement in WWII brought an end to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were needed to produce goods to win the war.
3. Thousands of American \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ took jobs in defense plants during the war.
   1. Ex: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_



What was Rosie the Riveter?

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1. Americans at home supported the war by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ resources.

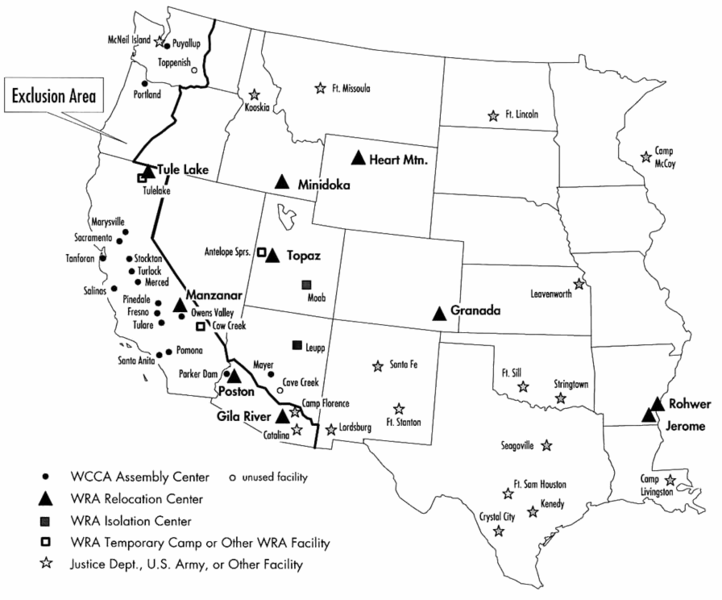


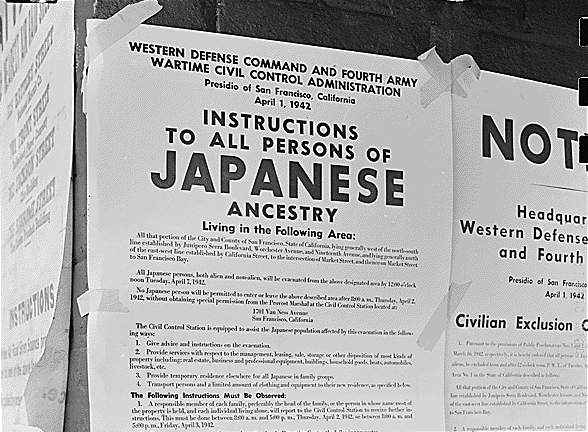
I. What Effect Did the War Have on Race Relations in America?

1. The need for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ temporarily broke down some racial barriers, such as hiring in defense plants, although \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ against African Americans continued.
2. More than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ African Americans fought for the United States.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and other units became famous for their valor and skill.
4. The service of African Americans in the war, especially against the racist Nazis, encouraged them to press for their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the United States.
5. Despite their commitment and service, African Americans remained segregated in the armed forces until President Harry Truman \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the armed forces in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ during the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ War.



1. While many Japanese Americans served in the armed forces, others were treated with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and MORE than 100,000 were forced into \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the United States.







Why did the U.S. government move Japanese-Americans inland, off the Pacific coastline, to “undesirable” locations?

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| **Will V-Day Be Me-Day Too?**  by [Langston Hughes](http://www.poets.org/poet.php/prmPID/83)  Over There,  World War II.    Dear Fellow Americans,  I write this letter  Hoping times will be better  When this war  Is through.  I'm a Tan-skinned Yank  Driving a tank.  I ask, WILL V-DAY  BE ME-DAY, TOO?  I wear a U. S. uniform.  I've done the enemy much harm,  I've driven back  The Germans and the Japs,  From Burma to the Rhine.  On every battle line,  I've dropped defeat  Into the Fascists' laps.  I am a Negro American  Out to defend my land  Army, Navy, Air Corps—  I am there.  I take munitions through,  I fight—or stevedore, too.  I face death the same as you do  Everywhere.  I've seen my buddy lying  Where he fell.  I've watched him dying  I promised him that I would try  To make our land a land  Where his son could be a man—  And there'd be no Jim Crow birds  Left in our sky. | So this is what I want to know:  When we see Victory's glow,  Will you still let old Jim Crow  Hold me back?  When all those foreign folks who've waited—  Italians, Chinese, Danes—are liberated.  Will I still be ill-fated  Because I'm black?  Here in my own, my native land,  Will the Jim Crow laws still stand?  Will Dixie lynch me still  When I return?  Or will you comrades in arms  From the factories and the farms,  Have learned what this war  Was fought for us to learn?  When I take off my uniform,  Will I be safe from harm—  Or will you do me  As the Germans did the Jews?  When I've helped this world to save,  Shall I still be color's slave?  Or will Victory change  Your antiquated views?  You can't say I didn't fight  To smash the Fascists' might.  You can't say I wasn't with you  in each battle.  As a soldier, and a friend.  When this war comes to an end,  Will you herd me in a Jim Crow car  Like cattle?  Or will you stand up like a man  At home and take your stand  For Democracy?  That's all I ask of you.  When we lay the guns away  To celebrate  Our Victory Day  WILL V-DAY BE ME-DAY, TOO?  That's what I want to know.  Sincerely,  GI Joe. |