

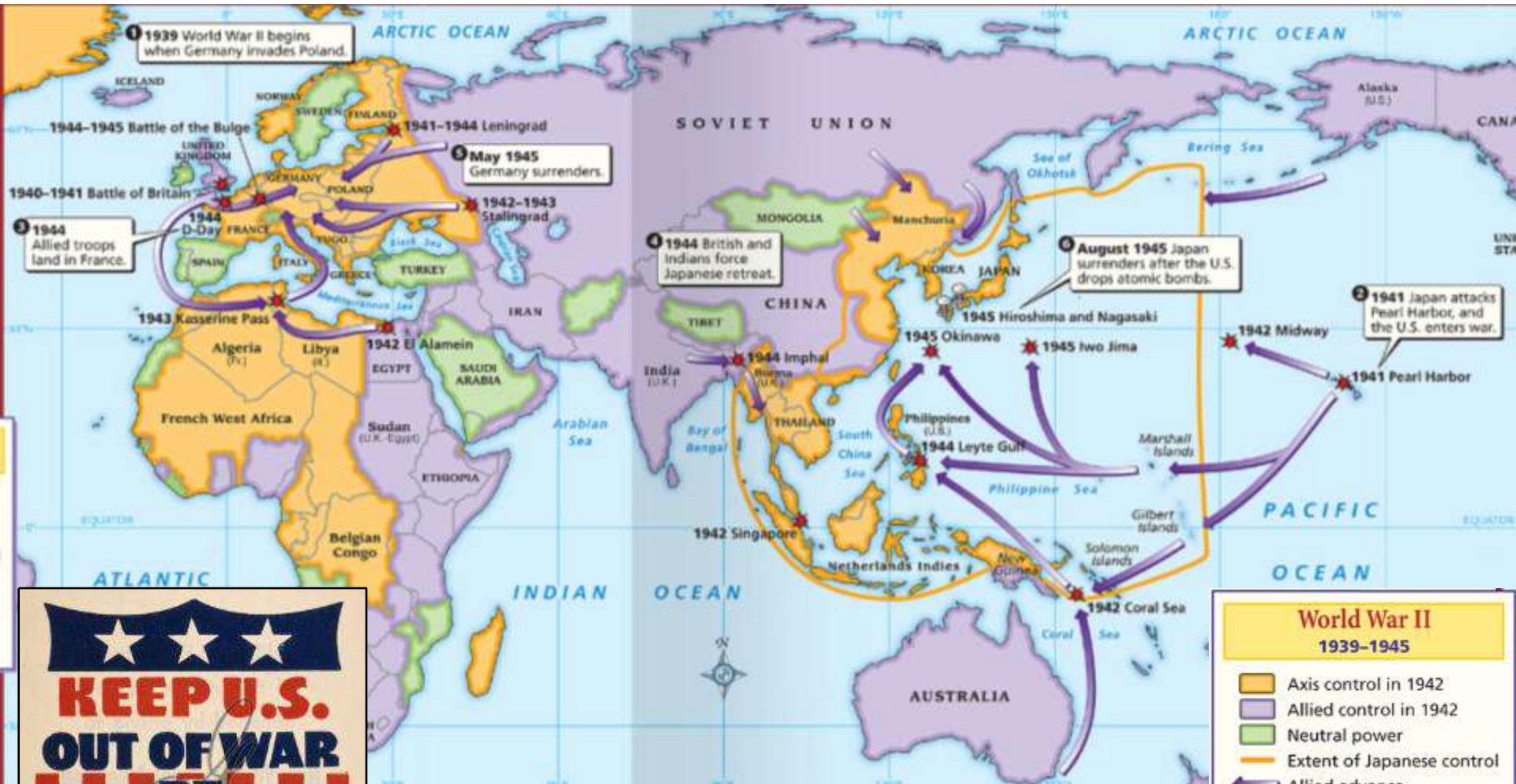
■ Essential Question:

—What was the U.S. response to the outbreak of World War II?

■ CPUSH Agenda for Unit 11.2:

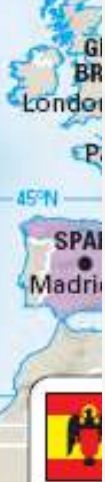
—“America’s Response to the Outbreak of World War II” notes and activity

From 1939 to 1941, the United States remained neutral, but not isolated, from the global conflict

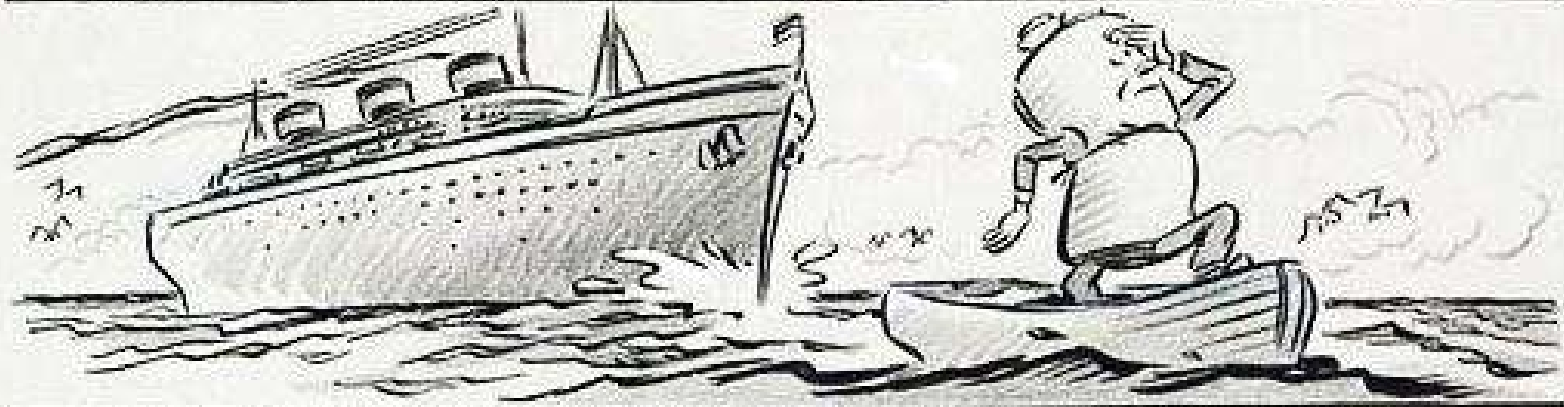


In the years before the outbreak of WWII, Americans were afraid that the rise of dictators would

Congress passed a series of Neutrality Acts (1935-1937) that, in case of a war, **made it illegal for companies to sell**



A NEUTRALITY ACT THAT WILL KEEP US OUT OF ANY WAR,



WILL INSURE THE CONTINUITY OF AMERICAN COMMERCE,

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President Franklin Roosevelt wanted a more active response to stop dictators, but failed to convince world leaders to “quarantine” aggressor nations in 1937





When the war started, Congress amended the Neutrality Acts and allowed U.S. companies to sell weapons to the Allies on a “cash and carry”

Allied nations could buy U.S.-made war goods but had to pay in cash and had to transport goods on their own ships

The cash-and-carry policy allowed the USA to aid the Allies while remaining neutral and avoid the causes of American entry into the first world war

Remember Germany's unrestricted submarine warfare?



In 1940, Franklin Roosevelt was elected to an unprecedented third term as president

He campaigned on a platform of neutrality but with “preparedness”

FDR prepared for possible entry into the war by calling for the first peacetime draft



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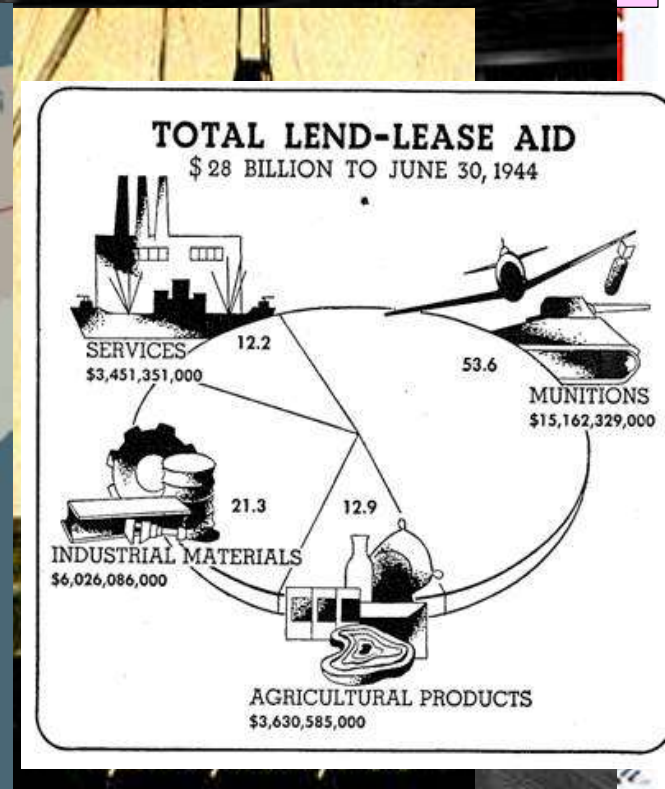
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# The USA responded with the Lend-Lease Act in 1941

The Lend-Lease Act allowed the USA to send war supplies to Allied nations and transport war-related goods to Europe on armed ships

The Lend-Lease Act was used throughout WWII, transformed the USA into an “arsenal of democracy,” and helped end the depression in America



Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Churchill secretly drafted the Atlantic Charter which planned a war strategy if the USA entered the war and a post-war United Nations





# The USA tried to stop Japanese aggression in Asia



To protect American territories and allies in the Pacific, **FDR** ordered an embargo on all iron and oil sales to Japan

Hideki Tojo sent an envoy to negotiate a resolution, but secretly plotted to attack the United States



On December 7, 1941 the Japanese military led a surprise attack on the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii

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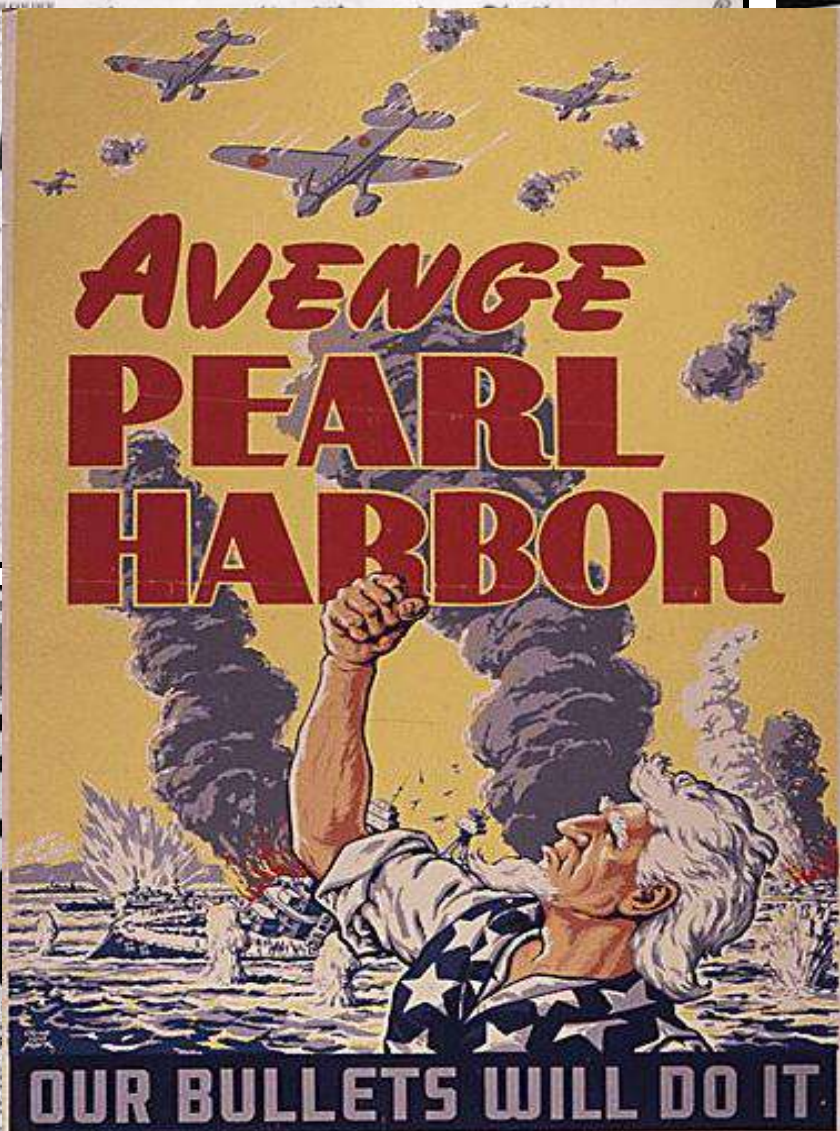
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Photo # 80-G-32511 Wrecks of USS Downes & USS Cassin , at Pearl Harbor, 7 December 1941



In addition to Hawaii, the Japanese attacked U.S. naval bases at Guam and Wake Island

After the Japanese attacks, Congress declared war on Japan





- Essential Question:

- How did World War II transform the American home front?

- **The American Homefront**





# Mobilizing Soldiers: The Draft

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For the **U.S. ARMY**

UNITED STATES ARMY RECRUITING SERVICE

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This is to certify that in accordance with the Selective Service Proclamation of the President of the United States

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(First name) (Middle name) (Last name)

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has been duly registered this 25 day of April, 1944

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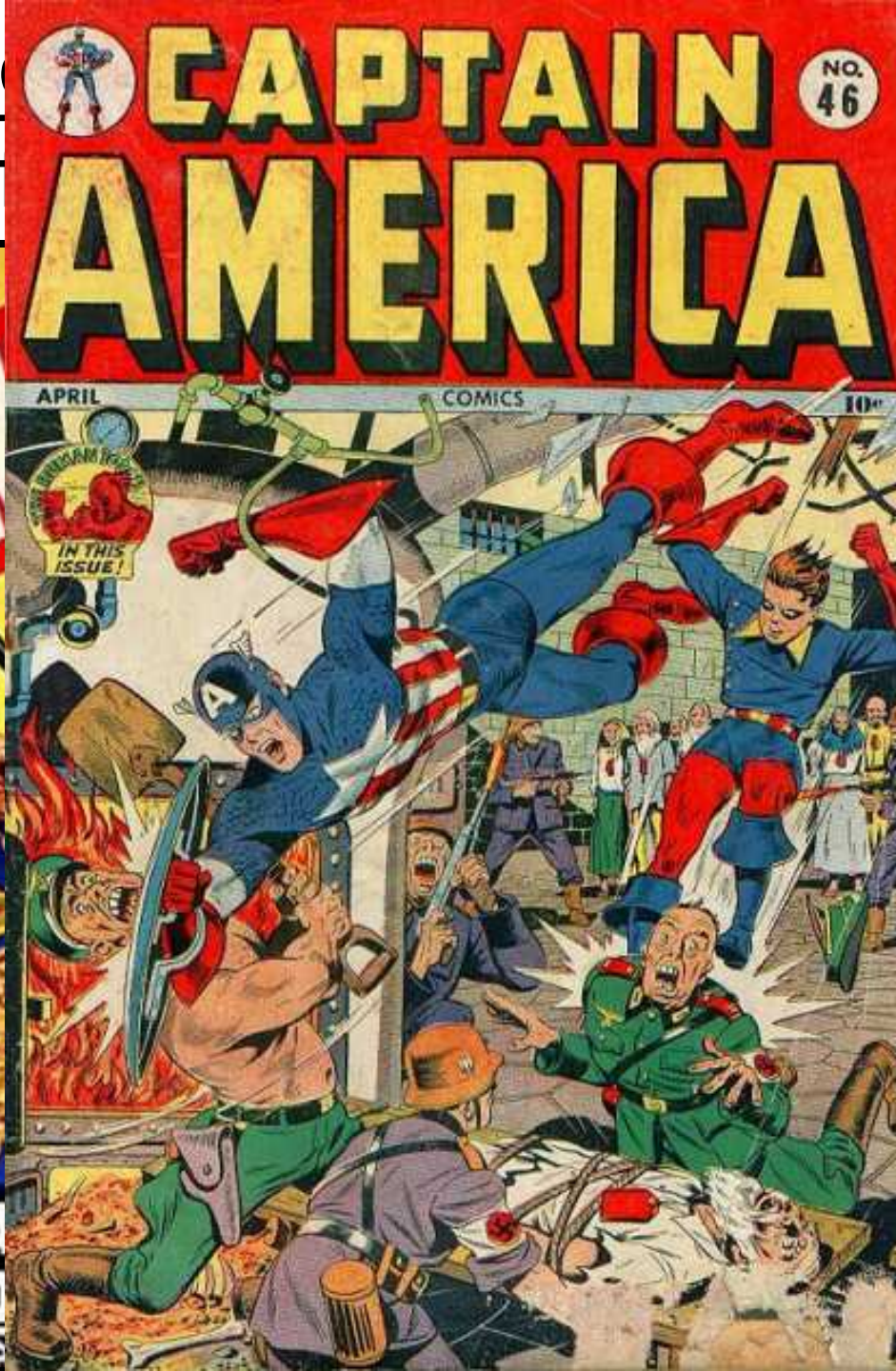
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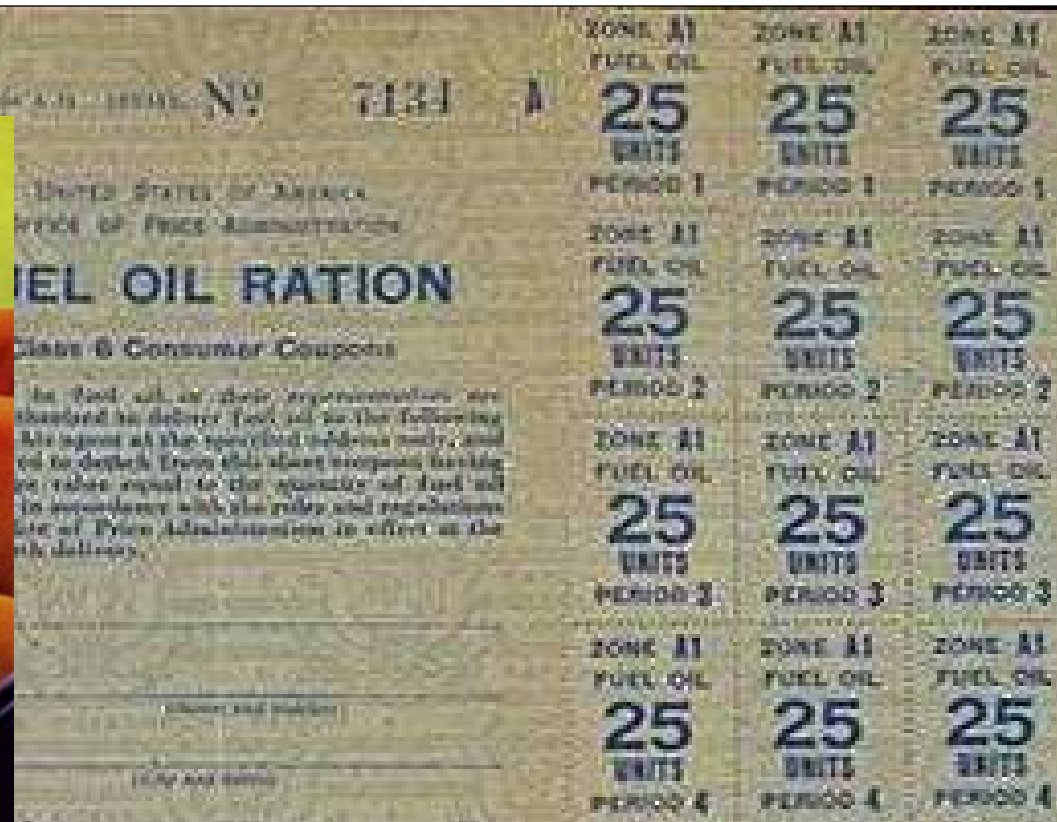


# Wartime Ration Books

When you ride **ALONE**  
you ride with Hitler!



Join a  
**Car-Sharing Club**  
**TODAY!**



Ration, or “c-books”,  
**limited certain products**  
like sugar, wheat, coffee,  
and oil



# Victory Gardens

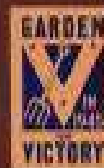
"We'll have lots to eat this winter, won't we Mother?"



**Grow your own  
Can your own**



**GROW YOUR OWN**

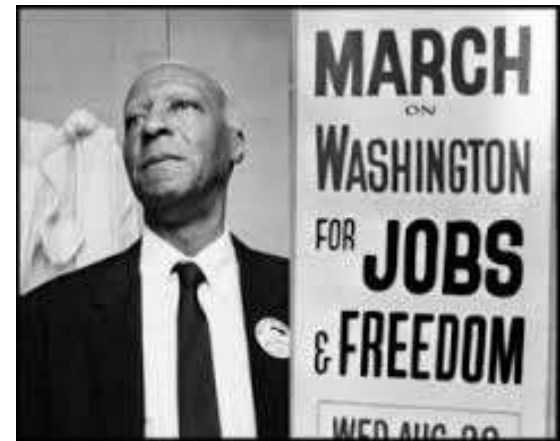


*Be sure!*

## African Americans fought in the military and at home



The war led to factory jobs & increased the Great Migration of blacks in the North & west coast



Civil rights leader A Philip Randolph forced FDR to offer equal pay for black

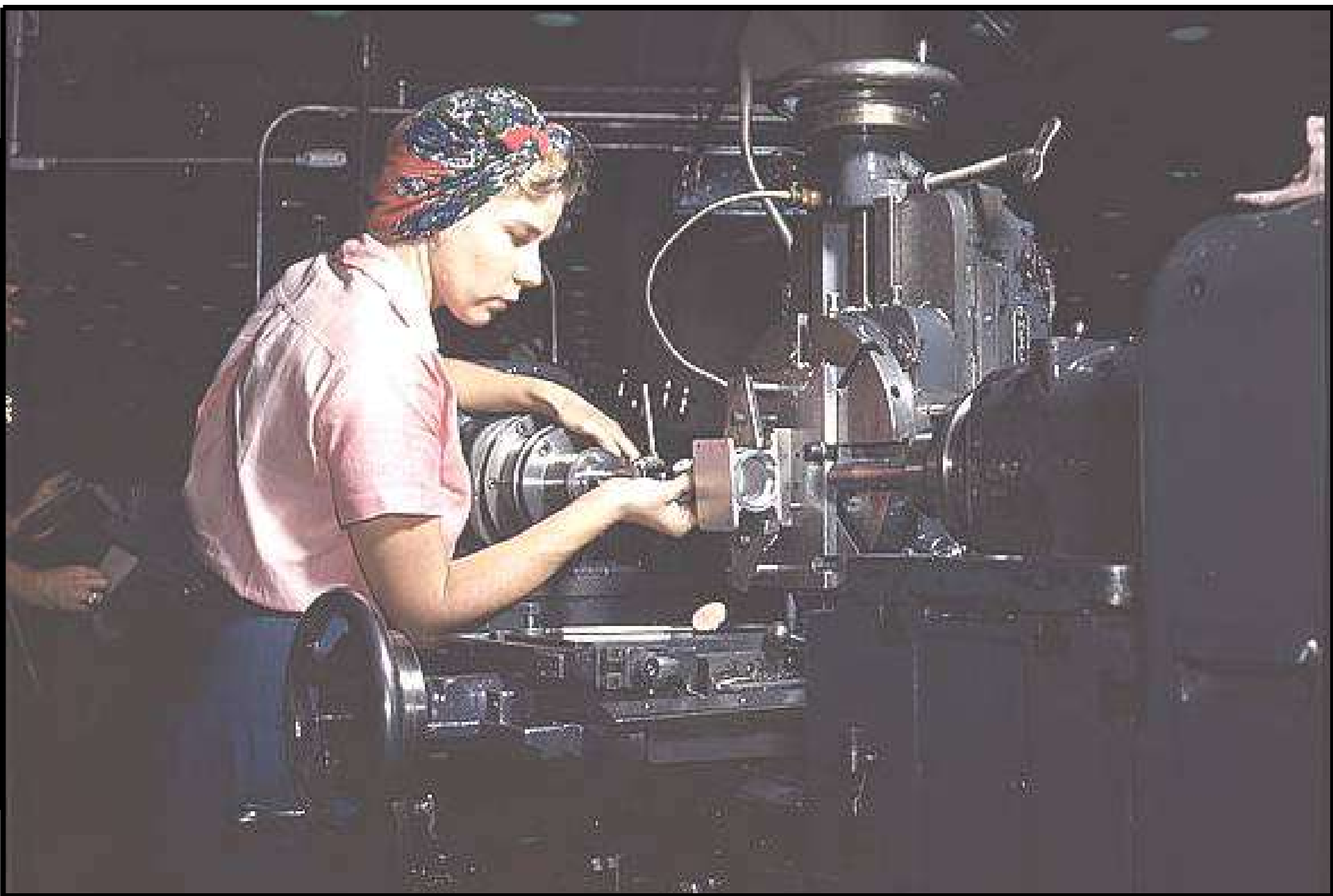
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More than 1 million black soldiers served in segregated units





# “Rosie, the Riveter”



# Women's Army Corps (WACs)



Telegraphist Draftsman  
ARMY GROUND FORCES

## WOMAN'S PLACE IN WAR

The Army of the United States  
has 239 kinds of jobs for women

THE WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS



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Japanese-Americans and some Italian and German-Americans moved to internment camps away from the coast

Executive Order 9066 signed by FDR allowed “exclusion zones” to be created

WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND AND FOURTH ARMY  
WARTIME CIVIL CONTROL ADMINISTRATION  
Presidio of San Francisco, California  
April 1, 1942

# INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL PERSONS OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY

Living in the Following Area:

All that portion of the City and County of San Francisco, State of California, lying generally west of the north-south line established by Junipero Serra Boulevard, Woodlark Avenue, and Nineteenth Avenue, and lying generally north of the east-west line established by California Street, to the intersection of Market Street, and thence on Market Street to San Francisco Bay.

All Japanese persons, both alien and non-alien, will be evacuated from the above designated area by 12:00 o'clock noon Tuesday, April 7, 1942.

No Japanese person will be permitted to enter or leave the above described area after 12:00 a.m. Thursday, April 10, 1942, without obtaining special permission.

# NOTICE

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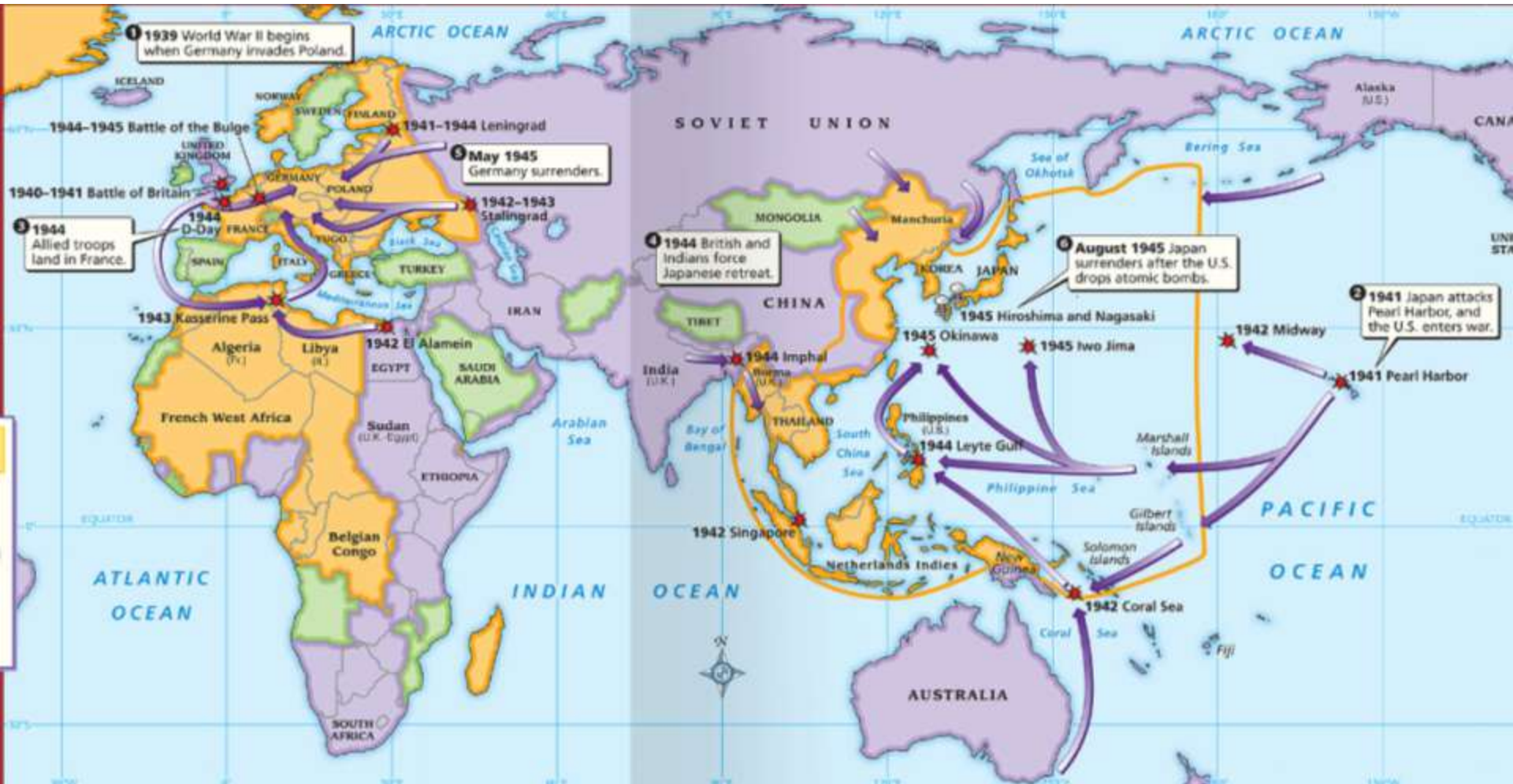
“Any or all persons may be excluded” or moved to assembly centers

REGISTER OF ALL JAPS IN CALIFORNIA NEAR!



When America entered World War II, the U.S. had to fight a two-front war in Europe and Asia...

Despite the attack by Japan, FDR viewed Germany as the immediate threat and began preparing for war







Closure Activity:  
What, if anything, should the United States have done differently in response to growing international threats from 1939 to 1941? Be ready to explain your answers