## Essential Question:

# -How did World War II transform the American home Front?

## World War II had a huge impact on the United

 Examine how
 World War II impacted
 Americans at home by analyzing each
 document. Take notes

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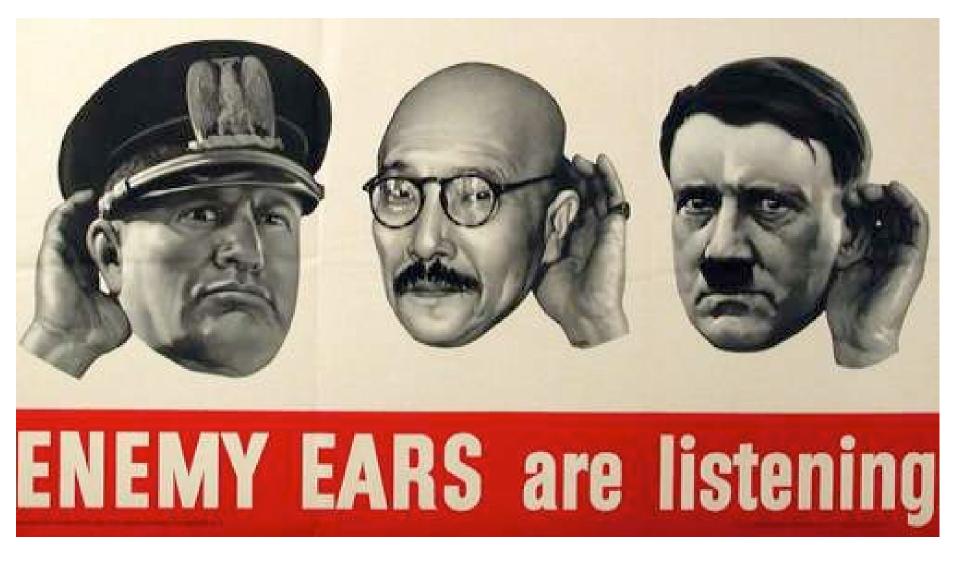




### The U.S. Government: Document A



#### The U.S. Government: Document B



#### The U.S. Government: Document C





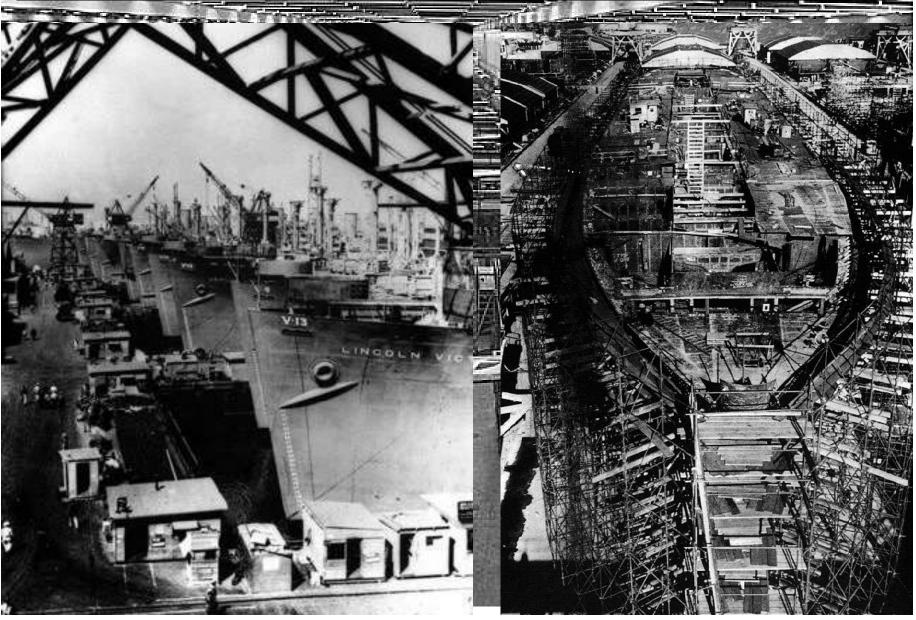
To win wars in Europe and the Pacific and to meet civilian demands, the U.S. government grew to its largest size ever



The War Production Board directed factories to produce war supplies in order to out-produce the Axis Powers



### Pre-fabrication allowed shipbuilders to make a battleship in 14 days (rather than 355 days)



#### The War Powers Act gave President Roosevelt the power to expand the government, use censorship, and limit personal liberties



## The government drafted soldiers and sold war bonds to raise money to fund the war



### The Office of War Information directed propaganda

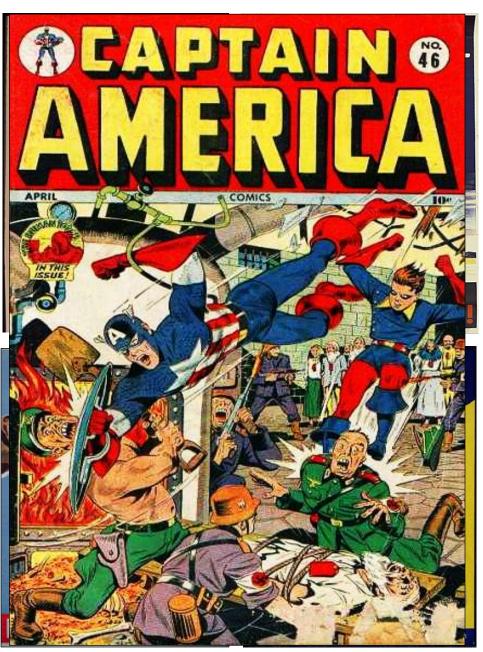












# Wartime production led to shortages of consumer goods and high demand for essential materials...



...The Office of Price Administration set fixed prices on consumer goods and distributed ration books on essential war-related materials



#### Americans recycled and planted victory gardens to support the war effort







#### and up to 4c a pound

Used kitchen fats, if no longer fit for cooking, are needed in the manufacture of hundreds of vital items used on the fighting and production fronts.

#### WAR USE

TIRES ANESTHETICS LUBRICANTS FOR PLANES CAMOUFLAGE PAINT JELLIES FOR BURNS SULFA DRUGS MUNITIONS SOAPS

#### HOME USE

TIRES ANESTHETICS LUBRICANTS FOR TRUCKS HOUSE PAINT JELLIES FOR BURNS SULFA DRUGS VITAMIN PILLS SOAPS

SAVE EVERY DROP OF USED KITCHEN FAT

War Food Administration Washington 25, D. C.

#### WANTED! 250 Million Pounds KITCHEN FATS FOR WAR USE

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Supplies of this vital material are short.



The frying pan is a source of supply.

#### KEEP A CAN HANDY



Roasting pans contain vital drops of used fats.

#### SCRAPE THE BOTTOM



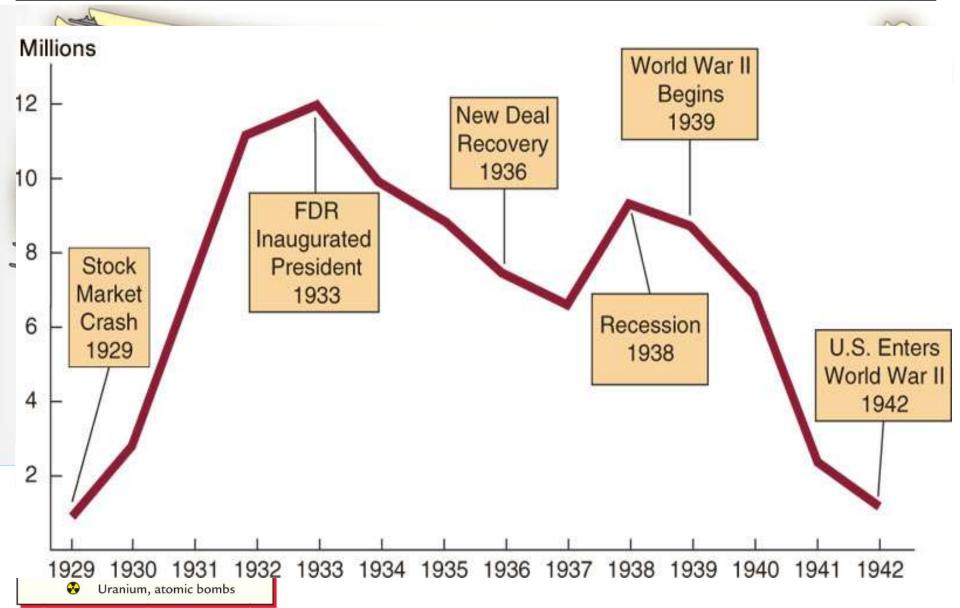
Fat comes from soups and boiling meats.

SKIM THE TOP



TAKE THE FULL CAN TO YOUR BUTCHER He will see that you (OVER)

## War production created new jobs, stimulated the economy, and ended the Great Depression



### Soldiers: Document A



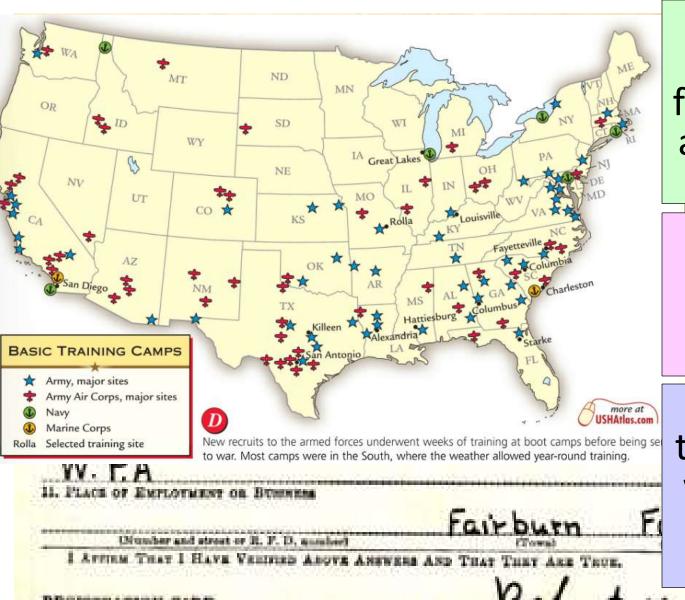
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# When the USA declared war, the military needed soldiers to fight a two-front war in Europe and Asia



6 million men volunteered for the military after the Pearl Harbor attack

> 10 million more were drafted into service

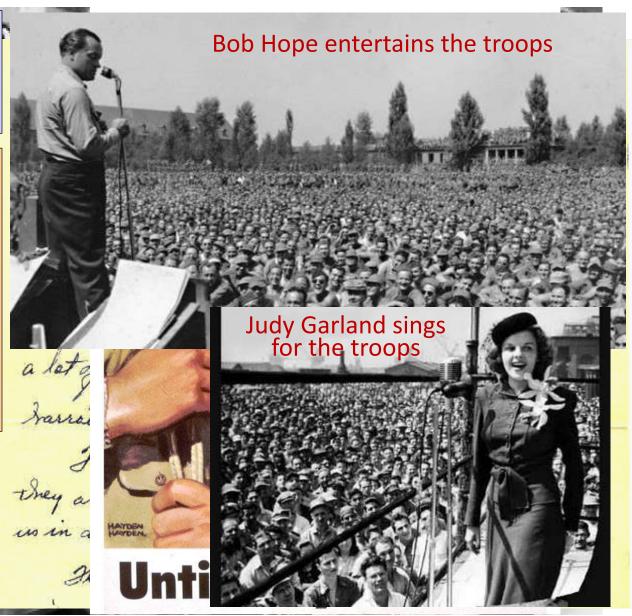
Hundreds of training camps were created, mostly in the South

#### During World War II, everything soldiers were given was "gov't issue" so soldiers became known as "GIs"

Homesickness among soldiers was common...

...the USO brought celebrity actors, comedians, musical acts to entertain the troops





### African Americans: **Document A**



#### African Americans: Document B



#### African Americans: Document C

### WHY SHOULD WE MARCH?



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#### FREE FROM WANT! FREE FROM FEAR! FREE FROM JIM CROW!

"Winning Democracy for the Negro is Winning the War for Democracy:" — A. Philip Randolph

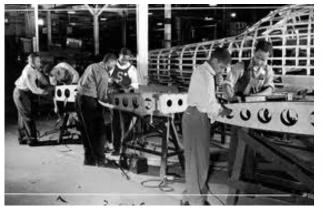


During WWII, African Americans fought in the military and at home

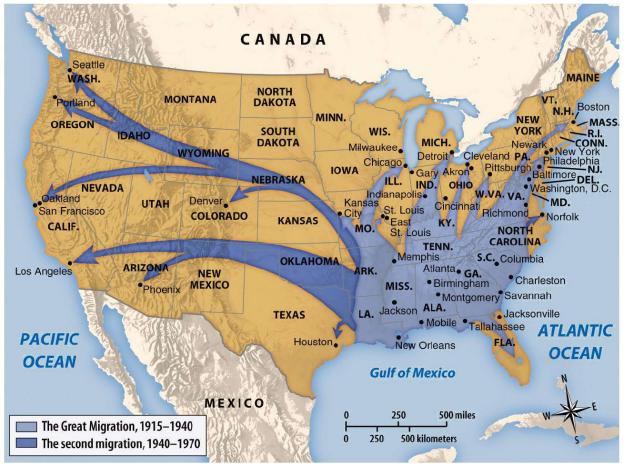
More than 1 million black soldiers served in segregated units under the command of white officers Black soldiers were allowed to fight; The "Tuskegee airmen" were recognized for heroism

#### **Tuskegee Airmen**

World War II created thousands of war-related factory jobs and demand for workers... ...The Great Migration continued as blacks moved into Northern cities and the west coast





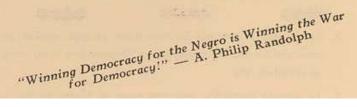


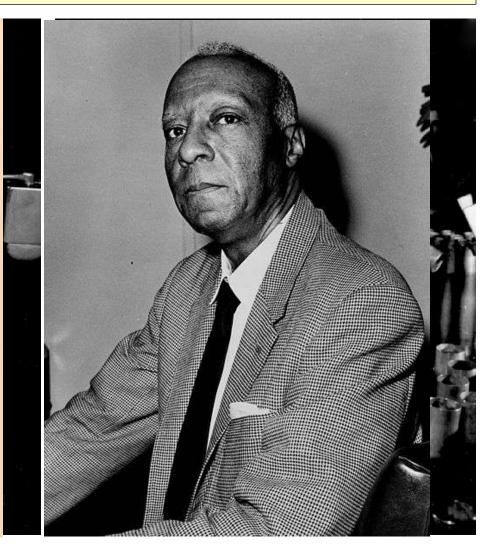
African Americans faced racial discrimination in segregated units and in war-related jobs Civil rights leader A Philip Randolph threatened to "march on Washington" to force FDR to help blacks



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#### As a result, President Roosevelt offered equal pay for black workers and created the Fair Employment Practices Commission



#### Women: Document A



#### Women: Document B



## **Share the Deeds of Victory**



Join the WAVES

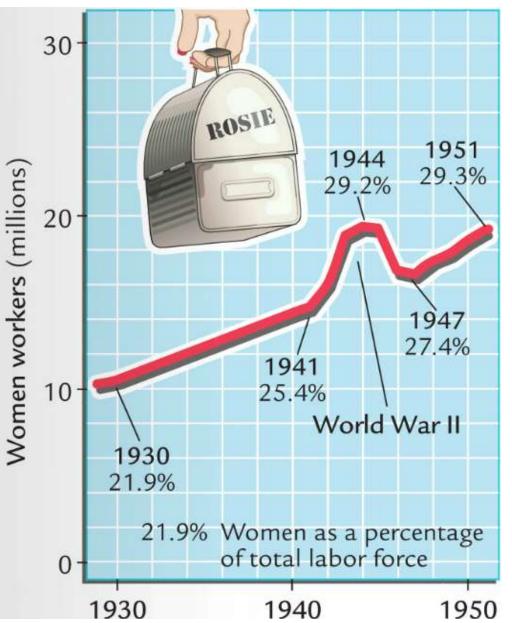
#### Women: Document C



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### 200,000 women joined noncombat military units



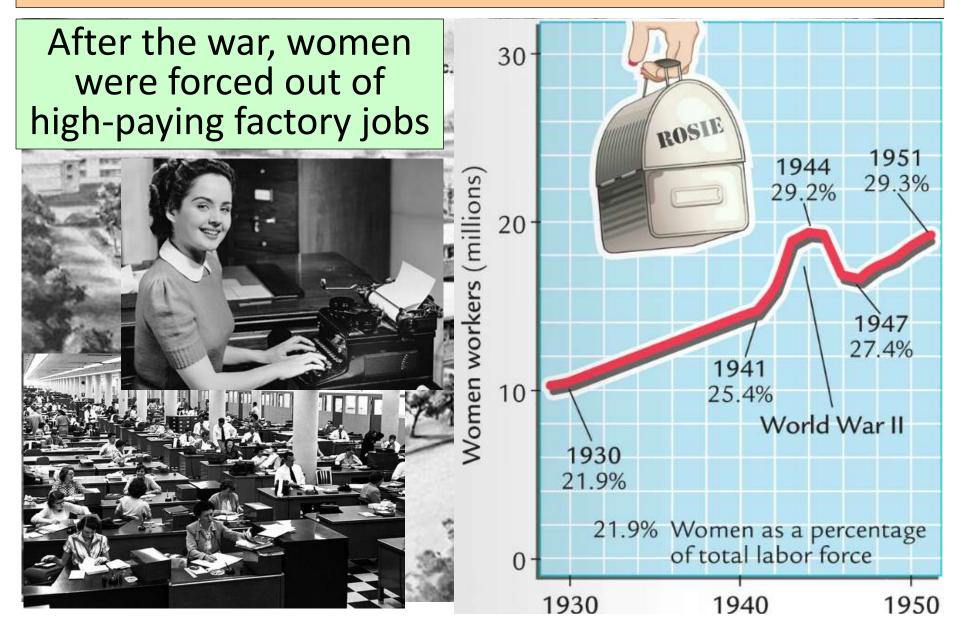
Women's Army Corps (WACs)

#### Women served as military nurses and photographers

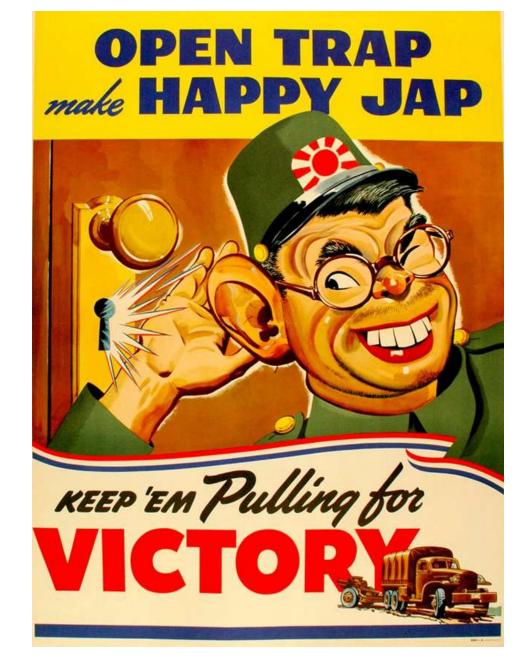




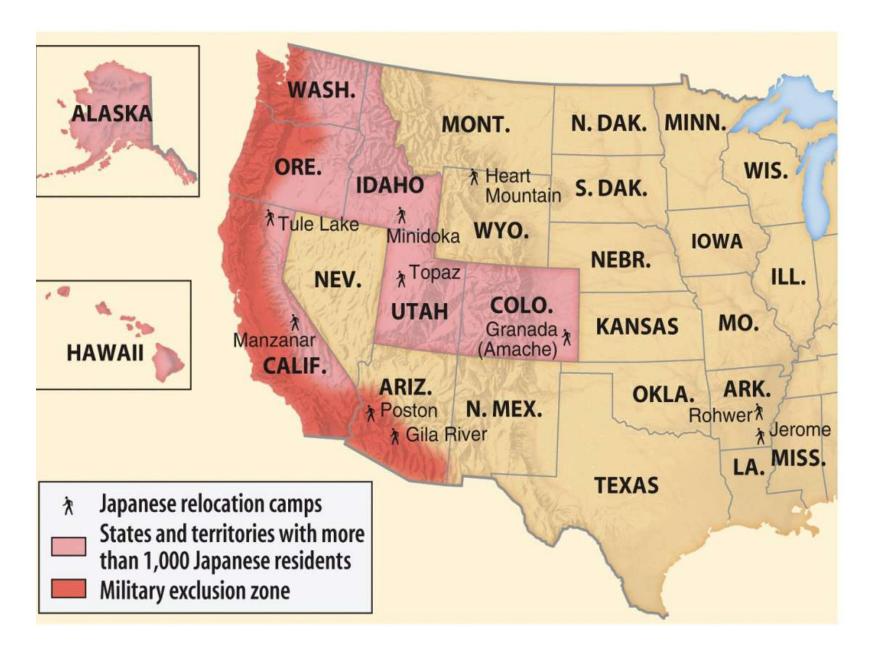
## Women's participation in the war effort led to an increase in daycare centers and child delinquency



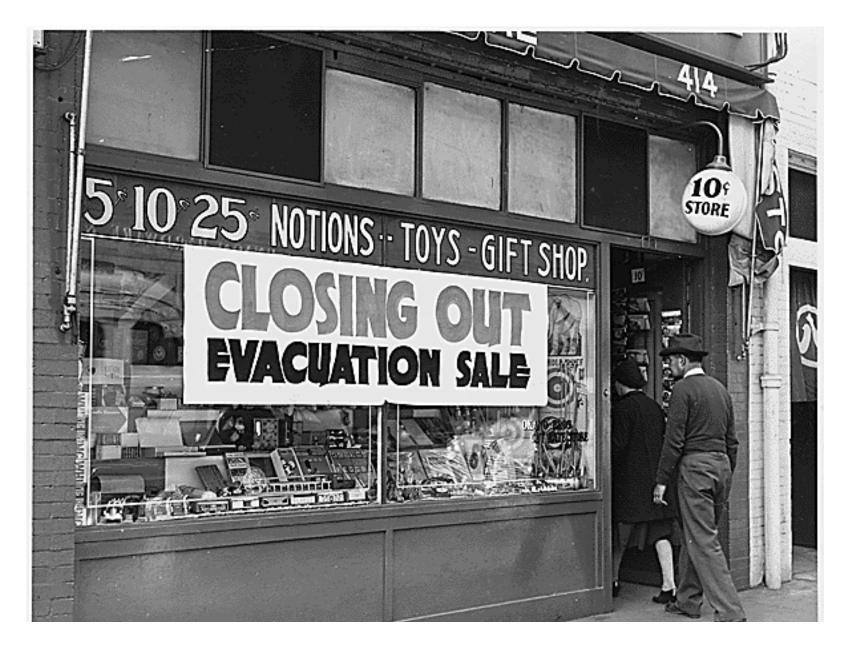
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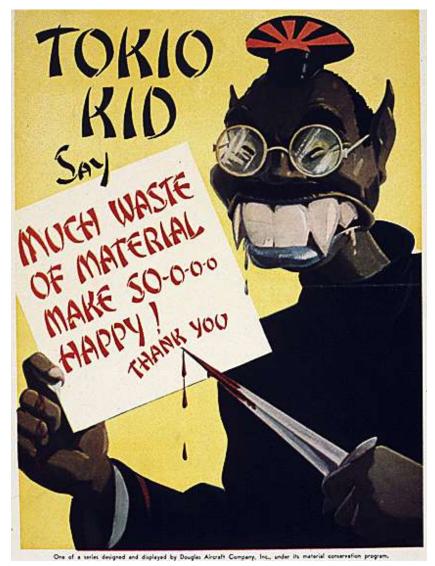


#### Japanese Americans: Document C

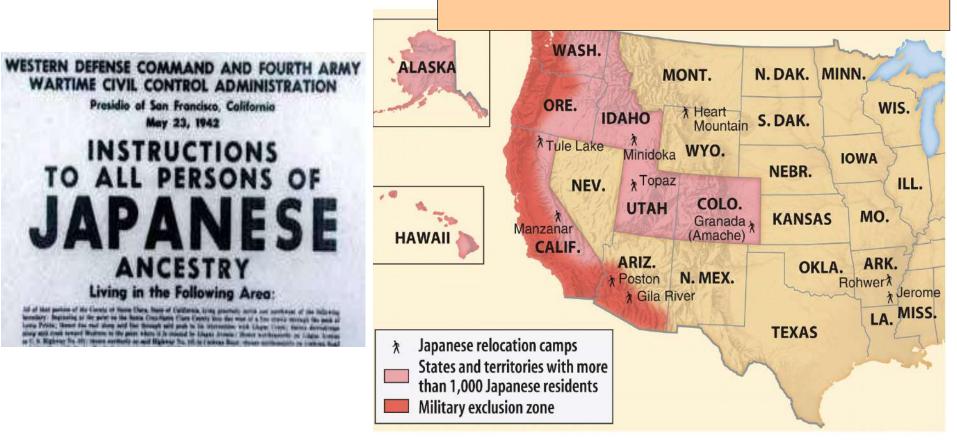


Americans viewed the Japanese as racially inferior and used racial stereotypes to describe the enemy as well as Japanese-Americans



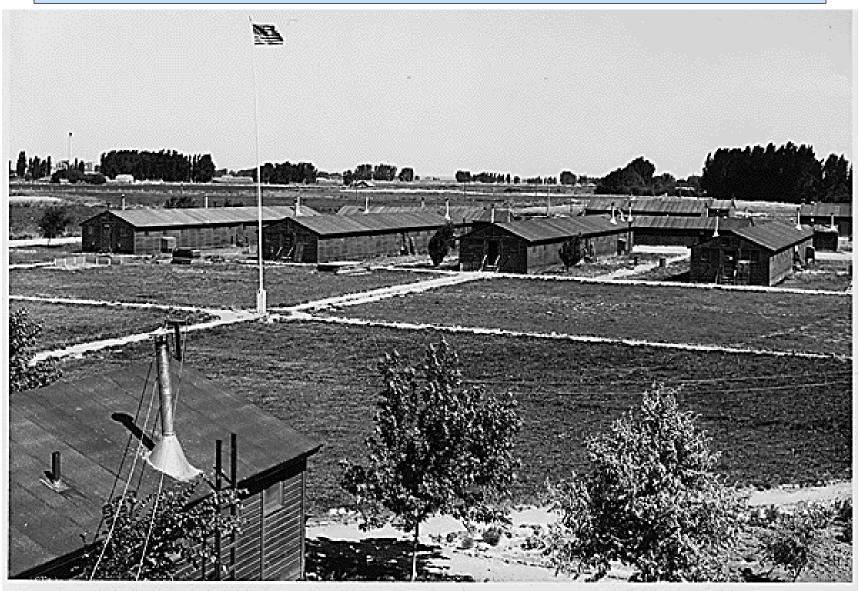


Due to Pearl Harbor, people feared that Japanese-Americans were spying or helping prepare for a Japanese invasion of the USA In 1942, President Roosevelt issued Executive Order 9066 which "relocated" 112,000 Japanese-Americans to internment camps away from the Pacific coast





### The Japanese in <u>internment camps</u> faced bad living conditions and a lack of civil rights



Japanese internment camp

## **Closure Activity**

In groups, use the information in your charts to discuss these questions

- -What similarities do you see between the homefront efforts of WWI and WWII? Differences?
- -What was the biggest change on the U.S. home front during WWII?
- -What were the positive effects of the homefront effort? Negatives?
- -Which group had it the "best" during the war? Who had it the "worst"?