

WWII at Home

Directions: Read Chapter 18, Sections 1 to complete the assignment. The headings on the worksheet match the headings in the textbook to help you locate information.

Part 1: Mobilizing the Armed Forces (P. 594-595)

1. What was the Selective Training and Service Act? How many people served in the U.S. military during WWII?

2. What role did minorities play in the U.S. military during WWII? How many Mexican American, Native American, and African American troops served in war? What type of jobs/roles were they given?

Part 2: Preparing the Economy for War (P. 595-597)

3. What was the common purpose of the War Production Board and the Office of War Mobilization?

4. What local company was responsible for making B-24 Liberator Bombers?

5. What effect did WWII have on the economy and unemployment?

6. During WWII, the government raised taxes and sold war bonds to citizens to help pay for the war. What percent of the war was funded by higher taxes? How much money was raised in war bonds?

Part 3: Daily Life on the Home Front (P. 594-599)

7. Explain what actions the government took to control prices and handle shortages during the war. (Be sure to discuss the Office of Price Administration and rations)

8. What were victory gardens? Who used them?