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# World War Two- The Homefront

## Webquest and Video Analysis

Directions: Complete the following questions using resources from the links listed below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HofnGQwPgqs> (Crash Course Video)

<http://www.ushistory.org/us/51b.asp> (US History.org)



To begin this assignment, watch the Crash Course U.S. History video: [World War II Part 2](#) and then answer the following questions.

1. How did World War II impact the federal government of the United States?

2. Why was it not possible to buy a brand new 1942 model vehicle in the United States?
3. How did World War II impact the unemployment rate?
4. By 1944, how had the American economy been kicked into overdrive?
5. Why did the American economy see such a jump in productivity?
6. How did the federal government afford all of this spending?
7. How was income tax impacted by World War II?
8. Why did big business in the United States experience growth and prosperity during the war?
9. How did the western United States become an industrial center due to World War II?

10. How were unions impacted by World War II?

11. How did women see a shift in their lifestyles and careers during World War II?

12. What happened to all of these female workers at wars end? What jobs were they expected to go back to?

13. What were FDR's Four Freedoms?

14. What did the National Resources Planning Board plan for the end of the war?

15. What was FDR's proposed Economic Bill of Rights?

16. Why did the Economic Bill of Rights fail to be realized?

17. What was the purpose of the G.I. Bill of Rights?

18. What opportunity did Henry Luce, the publisher of Time Magazine, believe World War II gave the United States?

19. How did the fight against Nazism reshape the way Americans thought of themselves?

20. How was anti-Semitism still prevalent in the United States during the war?

21. What was the Bracero program?

22. How did American Indians contribute to the war effort? Why did Indian reservations not see the benefits of the wartime economy?

23. What was Executive Order 9066?

24. How many Japanese Americans were sent to internment camps?

25. Which group of Americans experienced the most change during World War II? How so?

26. How did World War II lead to the beginning of the Civil Rights Movement?

27. What was Executive Order 8802?

28. What was the "Double V" battle that African Americans saw themselves fighting for?

29. How did the United States take an active role in planning the post-war world?

30. What did the Allied conferences during and after World War II lay the groundwork for?

31. What was the purpose of the 1944 Bretton Woods conference?

32. What organisation did the Dumbarton Oaks conference establish in 1944? What was the goal of this new organisation?

33. What was the Atlantic Charter?

For the next section of this assignment, proceed to the U.S. History.org website listed on the front page, read the article, and answer the following questions.

34. What factors gave the United States the potential to become the most powerful nation in the world when it entered World War II?

35. How did the size of the U.S. military change during the war?

36. What branches of the military did women serve under?

37. What program did the U.S. government reintroduce from the First World War?

38. How much did the federal government's workforce expand during the war?

39. How did rationing impact the homefront?

40. Why were the accomplishments of American workers considered miraculous during World War Two?

To complete this assignment, proceed to the following website:

<http://www.ushistory.org/us/51e.asp> , read the article, and answer the following questions.

41. Why were Japanese Americans forced to sell the majority of their possessions prior to be relocated?

42. Until the internment camps were completed, where were Japanese Americans held?

43. What were conditions like in the internment camps for Japanese Americans?

44. How did many Japanese Americans still distinguish themselves during the war?

45. Why was life difficult in the internment camps?

46. Why is the case of *Korematsu vs. The United States* seen as a failure of the Supreme Court?

47. Why did many Japanese Americans scatter across the country following the war?

48. When did the United States government apologize for the internment of Japanese Americans?