

World War II (1939 – 1945)

1941 – 1945: Homefront

Directions: Answer the following questions as you watch the video from Peter Jennings' *The 20th Century: America's Time*.

1. How did most Americans react to the bombing of Pearl Harbor?
2. Before 1941, the US Army was the _____ (#) largest in the world behind Portugal.
3. About how many Americans served in the military during World War II?
4. How long did it take to convert all the automobile manufacturing plants to war production?
5. A new bomber was produced every _____ minutes at the height of war production.
6. What did employers do to make up for the lack of “manpower” during the war?
7. How many women took industrial jobs during the war?
8. Ship-building time decreased from one year to _____ during the war.
9. How did the Hollywood stars contribute to the war effort?
10. How did American children help with the war effort?
11. What purpose did newsreels serve for the public?
12. In what derogatory ways were Japanese portrayed in the US during the war?
13. How many Japanese-Americans were interned in “relocation camps” during the war?
14. The most famous “teen idol” singer of the 1940s was _____.
15. In ways did American boys try to “connect” with the war?
16. What did “gold stars” in a window signify?
17. What major European battle encouraged Americans that the war would soon be over?
18. Who became President upon FDR's death?
19. Describe the reactions of Americans when they received news that the war was over.
20. How many Americans died during World War II?

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