

<p><b>Compelling Question</b></p>	<p>According to the U.S. government, how important were the contributions of the home front in achieving the United States' victory in World War II?</p>		
<p><b>Standards and Practices</b></p>	<p><b>8.6 World War II: The aggression of the Axis powers threatened United States security and led to its entry into World War II. The nature and consequences of warfare during World War II transformed the United States and the global community. The damage from total warfare and atrocities such as the Holocaust led to the call for international efforts to protect human rights and prevent future wars.</b></p> <p><b>8.6b</b> From 1939 to 1941, the United States government tried to maintain neutrality while providing aid to Britain but was drawn into the war by the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. The United States fought a war on multiple fronts. At home, the economy was converted to war production, and essential resources were rationed to ensure adequate supplies for military use.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Students will investigate the impact of the war on the American economy and day-to-day life.</li> <li>✓ Time, Continuity, and Change      Power, Authority, and Governance</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Staging the Question</b></p>	<p>Discuss how American military actions overseas affect American families at home after viewing the Three Doors Down video for their hit "When I'm Gone."</p>		
<p><b>Supporting Question 1</b></p>	<p><b>Supporting Question 2</b></p>	<p><b>Supporting Question 3</b></p>	
<p>What specific items did the U.S. government ration during the war? How did it convince Americans to go along with rationing?</p> <p><b>*Modification: Provide the reasons given to the public and have the students match the reasons to their generated list</b></p>	<p>How did women specifically contribute to the war effort at home?</p> <p><b>*Modification: Create the map for the students and have the students fill in the blanks of the map</b></p>	<p>How did U.S. government convince Americans to purchase war bonds?</p> <p><b>Accommodation: provide examples of scripts and outlines for students to use to assist them in their creation</b></p>	
<p><b>Formative Performance Task</b></p>	<p><b>Formative Performance Task</b></p>	<p><b>Formative Performance Task</b></p>	
<p>Generate a list of items targeted for rationing and conservation by the Office of Price Administration, War Production Board, and Office of War Information and identify the reasons given to the public for doing as expressed in multiple examples of related propaganda.</p>	<p>Create a multi-flow map explaining the causes and effects of women entering the workforce during WWII as expressed in multiple examples of related propaganda.</p>	<p>Create their own radio commercial script that would convince the public to purchase war bonds.</p>	

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Summative Performance Task	<b>Argument</b>	Did the people of the United States have an important contribution on the home front and did this contribution help to achieve the United States' victory in World War II? Construct an argument in which you address the compelling question using specific claims and relevant evidence from the historical sources.
	<b>Extension</b>	Expand your scripts and create a more extensive propaganda campaign for that the government would use during World War Two to further convince the American people that the efforts provided were needed to win the war.

Taking Informed Action	<p><b>UNDERSTAND:</b> How is propaganda been used since World War Two and how is it still used today? Research the current uses of propaganda and compare the resources that were used in World War Two and today.</p> <p><b>ASSESS:</b> Evaluate the effects of propaganda on the people during a world conflict following World War Two. Evaluate a time in United States history where the use of propaganda had a negative effect on the war effort.</p> <p><b>ACT:</b> Select a current form/use of propaganda and the effects of that use of propaganda on the American People. Look specifically at the country in wartime.</p>
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	<p><b>Overview</b></p> <p><b>Inquiry Description</b></p> <p>This inquiry provides students with an opportunity to explore the role propaganda played in the U.S. Government's ability to convince Americans to support the war on the home front. Students will examine sources related to WWII propaganda, how lives of Americans not fighting overseas were affected, and how successful the use of propaganda was towards winning the war.</p> <p>The inquiry opens with the question "According the U.S. government, how important were the contributions of the home front in achieving the United States' victory in World War II?" This question will allow the students take into consideration what the U.S. government wanted from the American public and how, in their opinion, it would help them win the war. Students will also discover how certain things required by the government were unreasonable.</p> <p>The first supporting question asks students to examine the specific items the U.S. government ration during the war and how they convinced Americans to go along with it. Students will have the opportunity to view propaganda posters and listen to authentic radio commercials that attempted to demonstrate to Americans why rationing was so important.</p> <p>The second supporting question will have students explore what women were specifically asked to do to</p>
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contribute to the war effort at home. Students will view photos, listen to music, and analyze propaganda posters that showcase women doing their part during the war.

The third supporting question looks at how the U.S. government convinced Americans to purchase war bonds. Students will view propaganda posters and listen to radio commercials and songs that exhorted the virtues of contributing financially to the war effort and how it would help.

The fourth and final question asks students to examine the efforts of the U.S. government to relocate Japanese Americans. Students will view a film created by U.S. Office of War Information that attempted a biased and misleading explanation of the Japanese-American relocation efforts as well as multiple primary source point of views on whether or not this was the right thing to do.

### **Content Background**

World War II, which began in 1939 and ended in 1945, was the deadliest and most destructive war in history. More than fifty nations in the world were fighting, with more than 100 million soldiers deployed. Over the course of the war, the U.S. government was tasked with persuading Americans to support the war effort. As a result, the U.S. government (in the form of the Office of War Information, Office of Price Administration, U.S. Treasury Department War Finance Division, and various other organizations) produced posters, pamphlets, newsreels, radio spots and movies to convince Americans to get behind rationing of essential goods, women entering the workforce, the purchase of war bonds, and the relocation of Japanese Americans. Each of these things, according to the U.S. government, would help the Allies overcome its Axis enemies and win the war.

### **Content, Practices, and Literacies**

This inquiry has been designed to connect key curricular content with the social studies practices every student should master. Students will have the opportunity to practice Gathering, Using, and Interpreting Evidence from multiple sources, including *Gas Rationing, with Fibber McGee and Molly*; Power, Authority, and Governance practice by describing how events like the Relocation of Japanese Americans; and practice Time, Continuity and Change by examining the growing role of women contributing to the war effort. Additionally, the Taking Informed Action activity emphasizes the power of Civic Participation.

Students' content knowledge and skills are assessed in the inquiry through formative performance tasks, which increase in complexity during the inquiry. These tasks progress from generating a list of items targeted for rationing by the U.S. government and identifying the reasons for it to creating a multi-flow map explaining the causes and effects of women entering the workforce during WWII and later creating their own radio commercial script that would convince the public to purchase war bonds. The summative performance task asks students to address the compelling question using specific claims and relevant evidence from historical sources while acknowledging competing views.

The New York State P–12 Common Core Learning Standards for English Language Arts & Literacy offer social studies teachers numerous opportunities to integrate literacy goals and skills into their social studies instruction. The Common Core supports the inquiry process through reading rich informational texts, writing evidence-based arguments, speaking and listening in public venues, and using academic vocabulary that complements the pedagogical directions advocated in the New York State K–12 Social Studies Framework. At the end of this inquiry is an explication of how teachers might integrate literacy skills into the content, instruction, and resource decisions they make. The Common Core connections are listed on the last page of this inquiry.