

WAR BONDS: THE SONGS AND LETTERS OF WORLD WAR II

STUDY GUIDE



World War II. A war that redefined the world...

Discussion

What countries were included in the Allied Forces? What countries were part of The Axis?

How does war affect individuals, families and personal relationships?

What kinds of technology were used to help fight World War II?

How did Albert Einstein, a German-born scientist, help the United States' war effort? What is the "Manhattan Project?"

What role did the Native American Code Talkers play in helping the Allied Forces?

How were African-Americans, who were serving in the Allied Forces war effort, treated in the United States? Was this fair? <http://www.learnnc.org/lp/editions/nchist-worldwar/6270>

What happened to Japanese-Americans living in the United States after the bombing of Pearl Harbor? Was this fair? <http://www.learnnc.org/lp/multimedia/13497>

What effect did World War II have on women's rights?

What were the pros and cons of the Allied Forces' decision to use atomic weapons on Hiroshima and Nagasaki?

How did the political map change after World War II?

Resources

World War II for Kids

by Richard Panicky, Chicago Review Press

Elsie's War

By Frank Dabba Smith, Frances Lincoln Ltd.

Timeline of WWII

<http://www.learnnc.org/lp/editions/nchist-worldwar/5967>

VOCABULARY

Atomic Bomb, The Axis, Bellamy Salute, Blackouts, Concentration Camps, Enigma Machine, Four Freedoms, Holocaust, Kamikaze, Little Boy And Fat Man, Margarine, Propaganda, Rations, Rosie-The-Riveter, Swastika, U-Boat, Victory Garden, VE-Day, VJ-Day, War Bonds.

Extra Credit:

What is the Bellamy Salute? Why was it replaced by the hand-over-heart salute in the United States in 1942?

What was the original meaning of the swastika symbol? What is the connotation of it now? Why did the meaning change?

Why did the Nazis hold "book burning" campaigns? Why did Nazis feel threatened by intellectuals, artists, and writers?



WOMEN JOIN THE FIGHT

Rosie The Riveter

<http://www.learnnc.org/lp/editions/nchist-worldwar/5852>

First African-American Women in the Navy

<http://www.history.navy.mil/photos/prstpic/af-amer/afa-wwii.htm>



AFRICAN-AMERICANS STAND FOR U.S.

Dorrie Miller:

<http://www.history.navy.mil/faqs/faq57-4.htm>

African-Americans in World War II

<http://www.nationalww2museum.org/assets/pdfs/african-americans-in-world.pdf>



UNITED WE STAND: PROPAGANDA

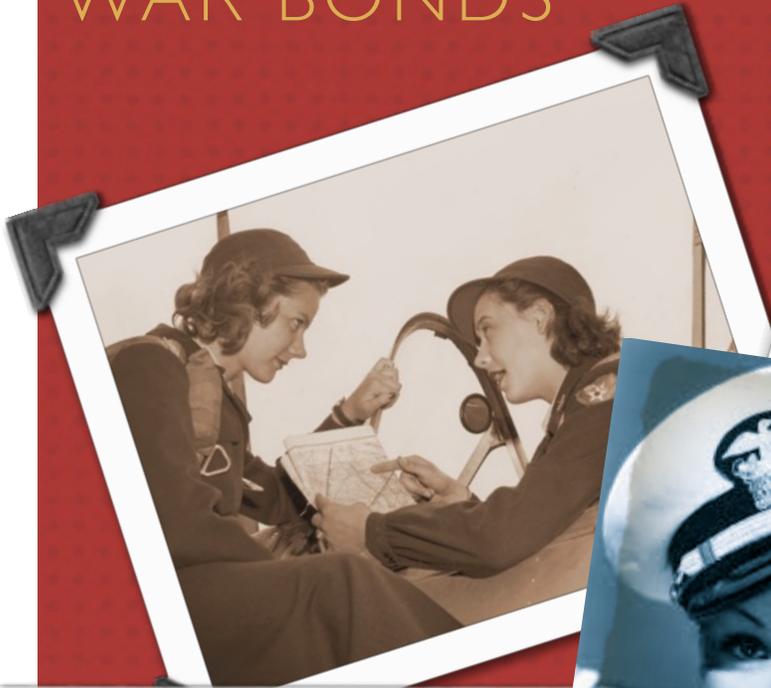
MUSIC AND MORALE

[HTTP://WWW.LEARNNC.ORG/LP/EDITIONS/NCHIST-SAMPLER/5890](http://www.learnnc.org/lp/editions/nchist-sampler/5890)

VISUAL ART

[HTTP://WWW.ARCHIVES.GOV/EXHIBITS/POWERS_OF_PERSUASION/POWERS_OF_PERSUASION_HOME.HTML](http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/powers_of_persuasion/powers_of_persuasion_home.html)

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What Difference Did They Make?

Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP's)

Sir Winston Churchill

The Tuskegee Airmen

General Dwight D. Eisenhower

Marlene Dietrich (Center)

Adolf Hitler (Left Bottom)

What Roles Did They Play In World War II?

Anne Frank

Alan Turing

Dorrie Miller

Winston Churchill

Franklin D. Roosevelt

Harry Truman

Adolph Hitler

Benito Mussolini

Hirohito

Robert Oppenheimer

Frances Perkins

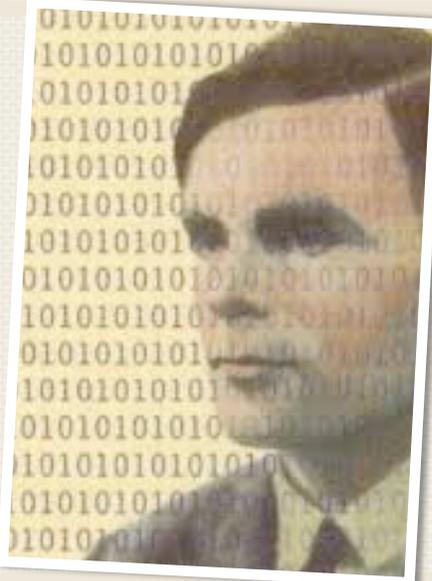
Eleanor Roosevelt

Mary McLeod Bethune

Marlene Dietrich



Anne Frank lived in Amsterdam with her family during World War II. Fleeing Nazi persecution of Jews, the family went into hiding for two years; during this time, Frank wrote about her experiences and wishes. She was 15 when the family was found and sent to the camps, where she died. Her work, *The Diary of Anne Frank*, has gone on to be read by millions.



Alan Turing was a British mathematician, logician, cryptanalyst and computer scientist. During [World War II](#), Turing worked for the [Government Code and Cypher School \(GC&CS\)](#) at [Bletchley Park](#), Britain's [codebreaking](#) centre. For a time he led [Hut 8](#), the section responsible for German naval cryptanalysis. He devised a number of techniques for breaking German [ciphers](#), including improvements to the pre-war Polish [bombe](#) method, an [electromechanical](#) machine that could find settings for the [Enigma machine](#).

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School children in San Francisco, California are saluting the flag using the new "right hand over the heart" salute. Department of the Interior, War Relocation Authority. Photographer, Dorothea Lange. Still Picture Branch (NWDNS), National Archives. 4/20/1942