

World War II

The Home Front

While thousands of Americans served over seas in World War II, numerous changes occurred back at home here in the U.S. The Home Front saw many Americans participate in the war effort without having to fight in Europe or the Pacific. This chart will look at those contributions.

Definition of Mobilization: *act of assembling and putting into readiness for war or other emergency:*

<p><u>Selective Service (p. 563)</u> How many volunteered for military service? How many were drafted? Once volunteered or drafted, what happened next?</p>		<p><u>Women in the Military (p. 563)</u> What was the WAAC? What did it do? How many women served in the WAAC and other branches during the war?</p>		<p><u>Minorities (p. 564)</u> How many Mexican-Americans joined the armed forces? How many African Americans served in the military? How many Chinese Americans joined? How many Japanese Americans served?</p>	
<p><u>Production Miracle (p. 564)</u> How many ships and aircrafts were produced in 1940? How many were produced in 1944? What was the US defense budget in 1941? What was the US defense budget in 1944?</p>	<p><u>Rationing (p. 568)</u> What items were rationed on the Home Front? In what other ways did families help at home?</p>		<p><u>Economic Gains (p. 591)</u> What was the unemployment rate in 1944? Why did farmers have success during the war? How many women entered the work force during the war?</p>		<p><u>GI Bill of Rights (p. 592)</u> What was the GI Bill of Rights? (Summarize)</p>
<p><u>Internment (p. 594-595)</u> What is internment? Who ordered it?</p>		<p>How many Japanese Americans were sent to internment camps?</p>		<p>How many camps existed in the US?</p>	
