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Discussion Questions

What exactly is propaganda?

What impact does propaganda have on people?

What types of format does propaganda come in?







What is propaganda?

The spreading of ideas, information, or rumor for the purpose of helping or injuring an institution, a cause, or a person.

Ideas, facts, or allegations spread deliberately to further one's cause or to damage an opposing cause.







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Propaganda during World War II

During WWII, Roosevelt creates the Office of War Information (OWI)

OWI uses Hollywood movie studios, radio stations, and printing presses to spread propaganda

Writers' War Board: main domestic propaganda organization in the US during WWII

Examples of propaganda: posters, advertising, comic books/cartoons, leaflets, radio, books, movies, animation, magazines, newspapers

Your Assignment . . .

Using information from Chapter 34, you shall create your own propaganda poster (pp. 789-815). You are supporting the U.S. war effort. The best propaganda posters use both words and pictures. You could use only words but remember that the poster needs to be appealing to the eyes. In addition, the posters shall be in color (and no, pencil-lead grey is not an acceptable color). Remember, the poster needs to be visually appealing; otherwise nobody is going to support your war effort! Be creative and original! (8-1/2" x 11")

Due day - Wed., March 3 at 9pm 50 points

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Ideas to help you out.....

Japan attacks Pearl Harbor

Selective Service System: drafts 10 million soldiers to fight

Women helped too! Women's Auxiliary Army Corps

Minorities helped fight as well: African Americans, Native Americans, Mexican Americans, and Asian Americans

Factories start making tanks, planes, boats instead of other goods (soft drinks to explosive shells)

18 million laborers helped in the war effort!

6 million female workers helped win the war!

Scientists also get involved with the OSRD, Manhattan Project (begin working on the atomic bomb)

OPA: rationed foods like meat, butter, cheese, vegetables, sugar, and coffee, fought inflation

WPB: people collect iron, tin cans, paper, rags, and cooking fat to recycle for war goods

Rationing: Americans receive less goods as in years past











