

## THE HOME FRONT DURING WORLD WAR II

### **I. Wartime Production**

- A. Discuss how the Office of Price Administration, War Production Board, Office of War Mobilization, and the Office of War Information assisted the war effort.
- B. What was Willow Run? Who is Henry Kaiser, and what are Liberty ships? Discuss the cost-plus system.
- C. How much war equipment did the United States produce by mid 1945?
- D. Discuss the effects the war will have on unemployment and union membership.
- E. How are strikes limited during the war? Why did some strikes break out during the war?
- F. How did the United States pay for the war? What was the national debt in 1945?

### **II. Life At Home During the War**

- A. What sacrifices were citizens on the home front asked to make to help out the war effort? What was a victory garden? How would some Americans spend their money at home during the war?
- B. Who is A. Philip Randolph? What does he propose to do, and why? How does FDR respond to A. Philip Randolph's proposal?
- C. Why did African Americans migrate north? Did this create any problems? What is CORE, and what is this programs goal? Discuss the Double V campaign.
- D. How did Mexican Americans contribute to the war effort? What was the Bracero program? Discuss what happened in the Zoot Suit Riots.
- E. How many Native Americans joined the armed forces? What role did the Navjos play in W.W.II?
- F. What was Executive Order 9066, and why implemented? How did the government later on try to remedy the situation?
- G. How many women were working in 1944? Who is Rosie the Riveter? Why did women enjoy their new found employment? What difficulties did they face at this time? What happened to women in the workforce when the war was over?
- H. Why had women been discouraged from the workforce prior to W.W.II?

