



World War II

Mobilization
1941-1945



Lesson Objectives

- Explain how and why U.S. participation in World War II transformed American society.
- The mass mobilization of American society helped end the Great Depression, and the country's strong industrial base played a pivotal role in winning the war by equipping and provisioning allies and millions of U.S. troops.
- Mobilization provided opportunities for women and minorities to improve their socioeconomic positions for the war's duration, while also leading to debates over racial segregation. Wartime experiences also generated challenges to civil liberties, such as the internment of Japanese Americans.
- Migration to the United States from Mexico and elsewhere in the Western Hemisphere increased, in spite of contradictory government policies toward Mexican immigration.



The U.S. Homefront During World War II- The History Channel



Japanese Internment During World War II- The History Channel

Assignment Sets

- What were the contributions that were made to the war effort by American women?
- What contributions were made to the war effort by the following groups and or individuals?
 - Vernon Baker
 - The Tuskegee Airmen
 - The Navajo Code Talkers
- Why were Japanese-Americans sent to internment camps during World War II? What was the result of the case *Korematsu vs. the US*?
- How did the Roosevelt administration differ in its approach to immigration from Mexico vs. the Hoover administration?
- What led to the Zoot Suit Riots in Los Angeles, California?