

APUSH

1941-1945

WORLD WAR II

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U.S. Enters the War



The **attack on Pearl Harbor** effectively ends the isolationist movement

- **The U.S. had already begun mobilizing for war**
 - **Selective Service Act**
 - **Factories were producing Lend Lease supplies for the allies**
 - **Allied powers included England, the Soviet Union, U.S., France, China, etc.**
- **The role of the federal government expanded** greater than it had during the New Deal or WW1.
- **World War II brought about a huge mobilization on the home front.**
- **Great Depression ends!**

Federal Mobilization

- **War Productions Board:** allocated resources for the war effort
- **Office of Price Administration:** froze prices, wages, and rationed goods such as meat, gas, sugar, etc.
- America's **industrial output** was a huge factor in the eventual allied victory
- **Office of Research & Development** contracted scientist and universities to help in tech. development (radar, sonar, rockets, etc)
- **Manhattan Project (1942):** top secret program headed by **J. Robert Oppenheimer**
 - 1st atomic bomb tested July 1945



SOCIAL IMPACT OF WW2: African Americans

- **2nd Great Migration:** over a million African Americans left the south in search of jobs in war industries
 - **Discrimination** was common in defense work
 - In 1943 **Race Riots** break out in cities such as Detroit and NY
 - **A. Philip Randolph** threatened to march on Washington if discrimination in defense work was not addressed
 - **Executive Order 8802** issued by FDR
- Served in segregated military units
- **Double Victory Campaign:** victory against fascism abroad and against racism at home
- Membership in the **NAACP** increases
- **Congress of Racial Equality (CORE)** formed in 1942 & fought against discrimination



Mexican Americans & Native Americans

- Demand for workers in the defense industry provided opportunities to thousands of **Mexican Americans**
- **Bracero Program** (1942) allowed Mexican farmworkers to work in the U.S. without formal immigration proceedings
- Racial tensions between white soldiers and Mexican residents in Los Angeles led to the “**Zoot Suit Riots**” in 1943
- Many **Native American** received opportunities in defense work and in the military
 - **Navajo “Code Talkers”** used their native language to communicate in the Pacific theater of the war
 - About half would not return to reservation life



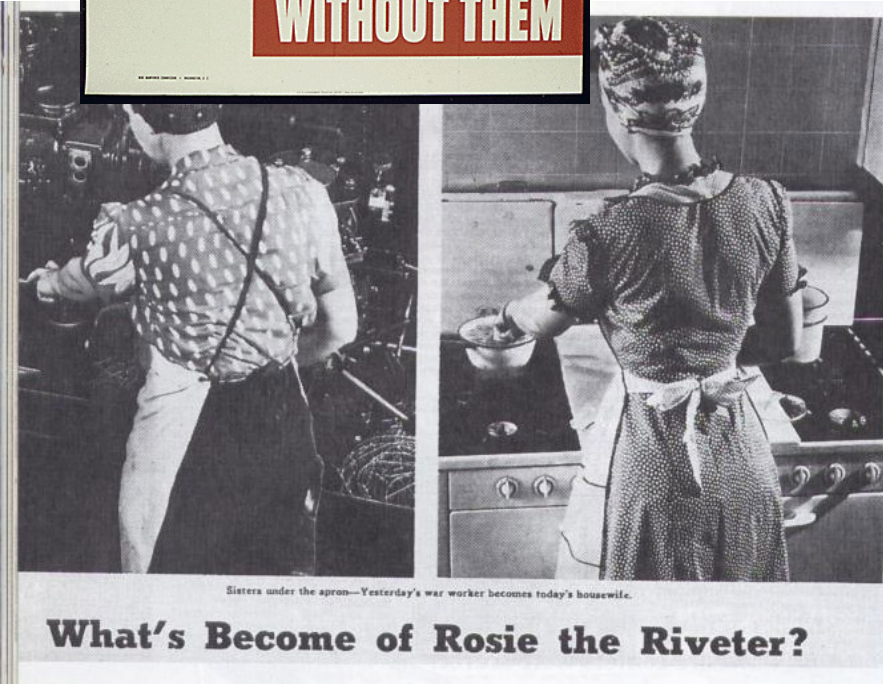
Social & Demographic Changes



- Over 200,000 woman served in the military in **noncombat roles**
- As the demand for industrial and defense jobs increased nearly 5 million woman entered the **workforce**
- Symbol of this opportunity “**Rosie the Riveter**”
- Woman continued to receive **lower pay** than men and were **expected to leave** once the war was over.

Huge **demographic changes** occur as many people head to the Midwest and West coast looking for defense work

- Post-war migration to the “**Sunbelt**”



Sisters under the apron—Yesterday's war worker becomes today's housewife.

What's Become of Rosie the Riveter?

Civil Liberties Denied: Japanese Americans

- **Executive Order 9006** required that all people of Japanese descent on the West Coast be relocated to internment camps
 - **Nisei**- 2nd generation Japanese Americans
 - Over 100,000 Japanese Americans were relocated to 1 of **10 internment camps**
 - Large Japanese population in Hawaii was NOT evacuated
- **Korematsu v. U.S.** (1944) the Supreme Court upheld the relocation as necessary for national security
- Thousands of Japanese Americans **fought bravely** for the U.S.



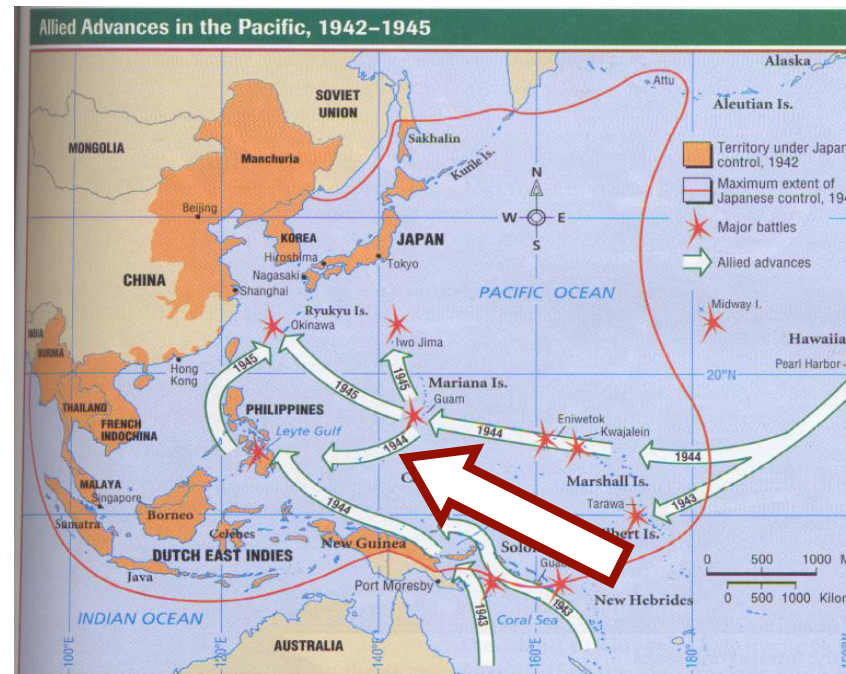
FIGHTING WORLD WAR II

- Allies focus first on the European theater of the war
 - Soviets stop German advance at **Stalingrad**
 - Allies focus first on **North Africa into Italy**
 - **D-Day** (6/6/44) massive second front opened
- The Big 3 met to discuss military strategy & plan for post war world
- **Casablanca Conference** (Jan. 1943): FDR & Churchill meet. 1) Unconditional surrender 2) invade Sicily / Italy first
- **Tehran Conference** (Nov. 1943) Big three meet for the 1st time. 1) Opening of 2nd front planned 2) fate of Eastern Europe
- **Yalta Conference** (1945) 1) Germany will be divided 2) free elections in Eastern Europe 3) Soviets will help against Japan 4) Create U.N.



- It was largely the U.S. military responsible for the fight against Japan
- Following Pearl Harbor Japan occupied all the territory in orange
- The U.S. pursued **an island-hopping strategy**: strategically win control over territory to get closer to mainland Japan
- **Potsdam Conference**: July 1945- 1) Japan warned to surrender unconditionally or be destroyed
- **1st atomic bomb** dropped August 6th 1945 **Hiroshima**
- **August 8th Soviet Union** enters war against Japan
- **2nd atomic bomb** August 9th **Nagasaki**
- Following WW2 the U.S. will be the **dominant political and military country**

Pacific War



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