

Video Notes—*The Century: America's Time* "1941-1945: Homefront"

1. How many Americans died at Pearl Harbor? over 2,000
How much of the American fleet was destroyed? nearly half

2. What was FDR's and America's response to the attack? What did we do?

Shocked out of isolationism & innocence
We mobilized & joined the military

ranked 19th military in world

3. The U.S. Army grew from 300,000 to 15 million during World War II.

4. FDR asked American to follow along during a speech as he explained how the war was going.

Feb. 23, 1942

speech on map

What is the advantage America had?

FDR was a "beacon of light." FDR inspired the country

"Production miracle" * Workers

FDR had the ability to move people w/ his words

5. Factory owners were reluctant to hire women into factory work, but between 1940 and 1946 women in factories rose 460 % to a high of 19 million.

auto industry converts in 9 mos.

1/3 of workforce

half were wives & mothers who had never worked before

6. Women at the Boeing plant in Seattle turned out 12,000 B-17 bombers.

1/2 workers were women

7. Ships that used to take one year to complete were now finished in 17 days.

8. Describe the "war effort". What sorts of things did people do to help out?

-took on a life of its own

*Blackouts to prevent:

overuse of energy "lights out"

*Hollywood sold:

advertising to support war effort

*Rationing/Recycling:

Gas rationing food

What were children asked to collect?

Scrap metal, rubber toys, tin foil

*Newsreel propaganda (examples):

invasions

united homefront in hatred of enemy
"You had to hate the enemy!"

bombs

shells

OVER →

a sense of collective national sacrifice

^{FBI Director}
9. Why was J. Edgar Hoover opposed to the Japanese Internment camps?

He said the camps were the unnecessary result of wartime hysteria

10. What did gold stars in a window mean?

families who had lost someone in the war

11. What was the largest military operation in U.S. history?

D-Day

June 6, 1944

just 2 mos. after D-Day, Paris was liberated

Who was the commanding officer?

Dwight D. Eisenhower

12. Describe what FDR's death meant to his generation.

- Leader through G.D. & WWII

Apr. 12, 1945

Shocking, very sad day, his life made a huge impact on Americans
- he had been a hero

13. What was decided at the Potsdam conference? (What did they want Japan to do?)

They wanted Japan to surrender.

- "unconditional surrender or utter destruction"
^{ultimatum}

Truman had only been VP for 82 days

14. What was the role of the *Enola Gay*?

B-29 bomber which dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima

15. How many Americans died in the war? 292,000

How many veterans returned? 11 million

by the end of 1943, Amer. casualties had surpassed 100,000

mtg. of Allies July 1945

Aug. 1945