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The Home Front of World War II

Great Britain

1. What type of work did women do to contribute to the war effort?
2. What was the "Dig for Victory" campaign? What were people encouraged to do?
3. The article says that "most citizens accepted that total war required unusual governmental interference in people's lives." How do you think you would react if the government took control over all businesses and the economy during times of war? Is that a necessary part of war? Explain your answer.

Soviet Union

4. What happened to factories in the western part of the Soviet Union, as the German army advanced into Soviet territory?
5. As the Soviet Union put most of its emphasis on military goods, creating an Industrial Revolution, in what areas did they suffer shortages?
6. All countries used women to contribute to the war effort, but the Soviet Union was unique in that they were the only country to use women in what role?
7. Why were women and children harnessed to the plows during harvest season? How must were they paid for their work?

United States

8. Why was the home front in the United States different from the Soviet Union and Great Britain?
9. How did the war effort affect women in the U.S.?
10. What are three social/economic problems that were caused by mobilization?
11. Why do you think Japanese Americans were sent to camps, whereas German Americans and Italian Americans were not? Explain your answer.

Germany

12. Why did Hitler not convert production of consumer good to armaments in the first couple years of war?
13. How did Nazi attitudes change about women as a result of the war?
14. After reading about the home fronts of four countries involved in World War II, in which country do you think the war affected the hardest? Which citizens had to sacrifice the most? EXPLAIN YOUR ANSWER.