WWII Videos Questions: Life on the Homefront

*Directions: Please watch the curated videos discussing life on the U.S. homefront during WWII. Topics covered include war bonds, rationing, women’s role in the war effort, challenges facing African-Americans at home, Japanese-American internment, and the Manhattan Project. As you watch,* ***answer the questions below in complete sentences****. Please submit you work via Turnitin.com by end of Friday, 12/11/20.*

**Life on the Homefront: War Bonds**

(Go to<https://www.ncpedia.org/anchor/war-bonds> for this information)

1. How much money did the U.S. government spend during WWII and where did it come from?
2. Explain what a savings bond is.
3. How many Americans purchased “war bonds” during WWII?
4. Explain two ways in which savings bond contributed to the war effort.
5. What methods did the U.S. government use to market war bonds to the American public?
6. Watch this short Bugs Bunny newsreel cartoon designed to market war bonds to the public: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ow43ommY6OA>

**Life on the Homefront: Rationing** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ehsnbXjnQcs&list=PL_PQ4TWAu9z7s20NCMVUQoB9ejZihg8L5&index=3&t=3s> Watch from 4:00 until the end.

1. What alternative did many Americans turn to because of meat rationing?
2. What were “Scrap Drives”?
3. What were old nylon stockings and girdles recycled to make?
4. How much gasoline were Americans limited to during WWII?
5. How did criminals take advantage of rationing during WWII?
6. How many pairs of shoes were Americans limited to per year during WWII rationing?
7. How did Americans travel during WWII due to gasoline shortages?

**Life on the Homefront: Women**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nxDdVoiLHcg&list=PL_PQ4TWAu9z7s20NCMVUQoB9ejZihg8L5&index=4>

1. What were most women expected to do prior to WWII?
2. Why were male factory owners hesitant to hire women at first?
3. How many women had war jobs by 1945?
4. What are rivets?
5. What other jobs did women fill outside of factories?
6. How many women enlisted in the military during WWII and what jobs did they perform?
7. What did returning male soldiers expect after WWII and how did this impact women?

**A. Philip Randolph and the March on Washington 1941**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zrTd_bXsZVM&list=PL_PQ4TWAu9z7s20NCMVUQoB9ejZihg8L5&index=6>

1. What types of jobs were African-Americans being blocked from during WWII?
2. What right did African-American men want in the U.S. military?
3. What did civil rights leader **A. Philip Randolph** threaten to do in 1941 to combat this discrimination?
4. Due to the threat of the **1941 March on Washington**, what was F.D.R. pressured into doing?
5. What became of the 1941 March on Washington?

**Japanese-American Internment**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cZTioTkHcB0&list=PL_PQ4TWAu9z7s20NCMVUQoB9ejZihg8L5&index=7>

1. What was the date of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor?
2. What happened to hundreds of thousands of Japanese-Americans in the months following the attack on Pearl Harbor?
3. How many of the Japanese-Americans interned during WWII were American citizens?
4. How long did Japanese Americans have to dispose of their belonging before being forced into **internment camps**?
5. Where were internment camps generally located?
6. What were the camps surrounded by?
7. How many Japanese-Americans served in the U.S. military during WWII?
8. When were Japanese-Americans allowed to leave internment camps and return home?
9. What did many of them find when they returned home?

**The Manhattan Project and the Bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v5OI9xrJ8Zw&list=PL_PQ4TWAu9z7s20NCMVUQoB9ejZihg8L5&index=10>

1. Who warned FDR and the US that Nazi Germany was attempting to develop nuclear weapons during WWII?
2. What was the name for the United States secret program to develop the first atomic/nuclear bomb?
3. What were the names of the two bombs created by the **Manhattan Project**?
4. Where was the first atomic bomb tested?
5. What did the **Potsdam Declaration** urge Japan to do?
6. What happened on August 6, 1945?
7. What was the second Japanese city hit with a nuclear bomb in 1945?
8. What were the long term effects of the atomic bombs?
9. When did Japan surrender, ending WWII? (**V-J Day**)