



The Importance of Doing Our Part

Looking Back:

On December 7, 1941 the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. Following this, our country declared war and joined the Allied forces, to fight against Germany and Japan. The goal was to defeat tyranny over others and bring about world peace. Every citizen in our country had a role to play. Michigan, because of her production capabilities, responded by converting manufacturing plants built for transportation and household items to the necessary materials for war such as planes, tanks, bullets and more.

Soldiers went overseas to fight on the war front. People at home had a role to play as well. Watch the following videos and discuss what those roles were:

ONLINE RESOURCE:

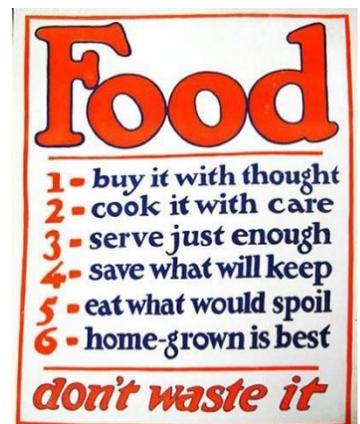
https://youtu.be/zyp7AR1e0e8?list=PLNT_a6rBvIArCGsf3cA-r8JC0jt4d50-D "Citizens to Soldiers" National WWII Museum production

https://youtu.be/wl9nuUvTAWo?list=PLNT_a6rBvIArCGsf3cA-r8JC0jt4d50-D "The Homefront" HBO production

Living the Legacy:

In many ways we are fighting a war today, with an invisible enemy called COVID-19. Thinking about today's situation, discuss the following:

- During the war people's lives changed dramatically. Some served in the military. Others stayed home and helped in the war effort by collecting scrap metal or rationing food, so everyone had enough. The poster on the right reminded citizens to not waste food. Why was it important that everybody did their part during WWII? How did working together help win the war?
- Who are the "soldiers" on the frontline of today's COVID-19 "battle?"
- How has your life changed as we fight to "win the war" against COVID-19? Make a list or draw pictures of what how your life is different.
- Do an act of kindness towards someone you know who is helping others during the COVID-19 pandemic. Write about it or take a photo of your experience and message us. We will post it on our Facebook page.



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