The Home Front
Chapter 14 Section 4

Sacrifices and Struggles at Home

- WWII demanded Americans to make sacrifices at home too
- “Victory Gardens”
- Each member of the family received a ration book
- Meat, Sugar, butter, coffee rationed.
- Gasoline was rationed
- “Scrap drives” for metal, rubber and glass.

Investing in Victory

- Magazines and Newspapers filled with ads for bonds and doing your civic duty.
- Americans bought $185 billion dollars of bonds, nearly half the cost of the war.
- Families of service men displayed flags with a blue star to show that somebody in the family was serving in the military
- The star was changed to gold if they died.
Essential Question
1. What was expected of people on the home front?
2. How did Americans at home help out in WWII?
3. What were ration books?
4. How did Americans finance half the war?

Winning American Support
• FDR made a speech saying that America was supporting the “four freedoms” Freedom of speech, worship, want, and fear.
• Office of War Information (OWI) was in charge of Propaganda and information to promote the war
• Created posters about rationing or joining the war
• They also warned of threats and encouraged people to stay quiet.

Hollywood Helps Out
• Movies remained popular during WWII
• Film industry became a major producer of propaganda.
• They made patriotic films
• Leading movie stars sold war bonds and provided entertainment to troops.
• The Barnette ruling: Said that Americans could not be forced to salute the flag. Jehovah’s Witnesses did not believe in that.
Essential Question
1. What did FDR’s speech talk about?
2. What was the OWI, what was their purpose in the war?
3. How did Hollywood help out with the war effort?

Japanese Internment
- **Executive Order 9066**: Puts Japanese in internment camps even though no evidence was found of subversion.
- Many were American citizens and none were given trials.
- Forced relocation and confinement was called **internment**.
- They could only take what they could carry, homes and businesses had to be sold or left behind.
- Camps surrounded by barbed wire and armed guards in the desert.

Japanese-American Loyalty
- Japanese Americans in camps forced to answer questions about their loyalty. **German and Italian Americans** were not
- **442nd Regiment**: All Japanese war unit that fought in Europe.
- **Korematsu v. United States**: Ruled it was legal to put Japanese in Internment camps.
- **After WWII** the government would apologize to Japanese-Americans and give money for internment.
A New Role for the Federal Government

- The government continued to grow and play a role in people’s lives
- (OPA) Office of Price Administration: controlled prices
- War Production Board: made sure military got the resources it needed.
- Gov. debt and spending rose
- Income taxes rose, just for the rich before, now average Americans began to pay.

Essential Question

1. What was Executive Order 9066?
2. Why were the Japanese rounded up and put in internment camps? Did they do anything wrong?
3. What happened to the homes and businesses of the Japanese?
4. What did the U.S. government do many years after the WWII for the Japanese interned in these camps?