

World War II: Women & Minorities

Marshall and Mobilization

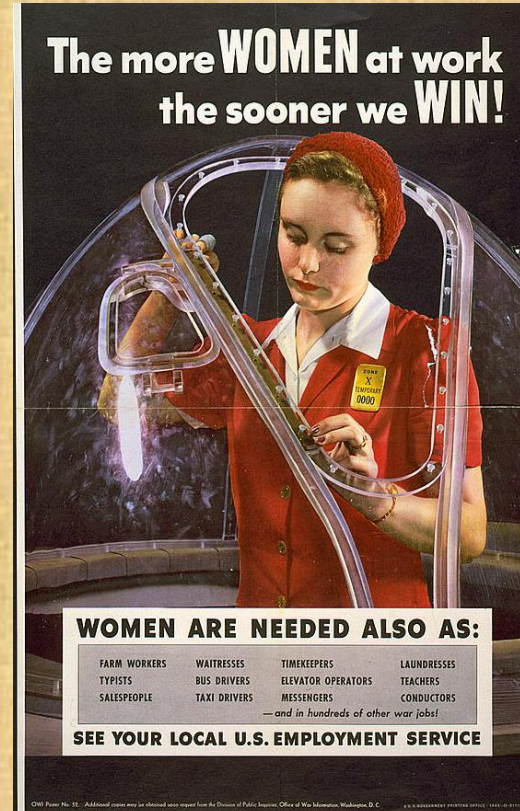
- Army underfunded and underdeveloped in late 1930s
- Marshall became Army Chief of Staff
- Convinced FDR and Congress to provide increased manpower and funding



General George C. Marshall

Women in the War Effort

- Took over many jobs for servicemen, most notably in heavy industry
- Some joined the military
- Altered family life, brought several drawbacks



A poster urging women to take manufacturing jobs to help the war effort

“Rosie the Riveter”



- A symbol of working women during the war
- Based on factory worker Rose Will Monroe
- Miller and Rockwell both created iconic “Rosie” images

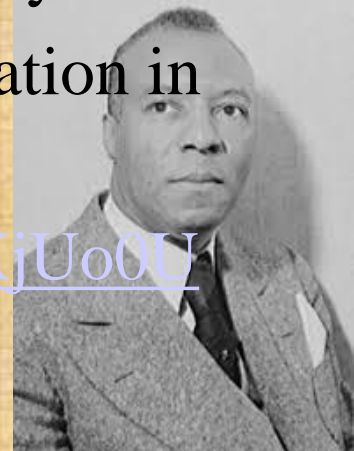
This poster for the Westinghouse Corporation is frequently associated with “Rosie the Riveter”

African Americans in the War Effort

- African Americans were being recruited into the military
- Military was officially segregated
- Most assigned to noncombat units
- Still struggling for their civil rights

African Americans in the War Effort

- A. Philip Randolph
 - Civil rights activist
 - Leader of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters union
 - Proposed a march on Washington to protest racial segregation and discrimination in war industry.
 - President Roosevelt agreed to end discrimination in war industry based on Randolph's efforts.
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TjxN2XjUo0U>



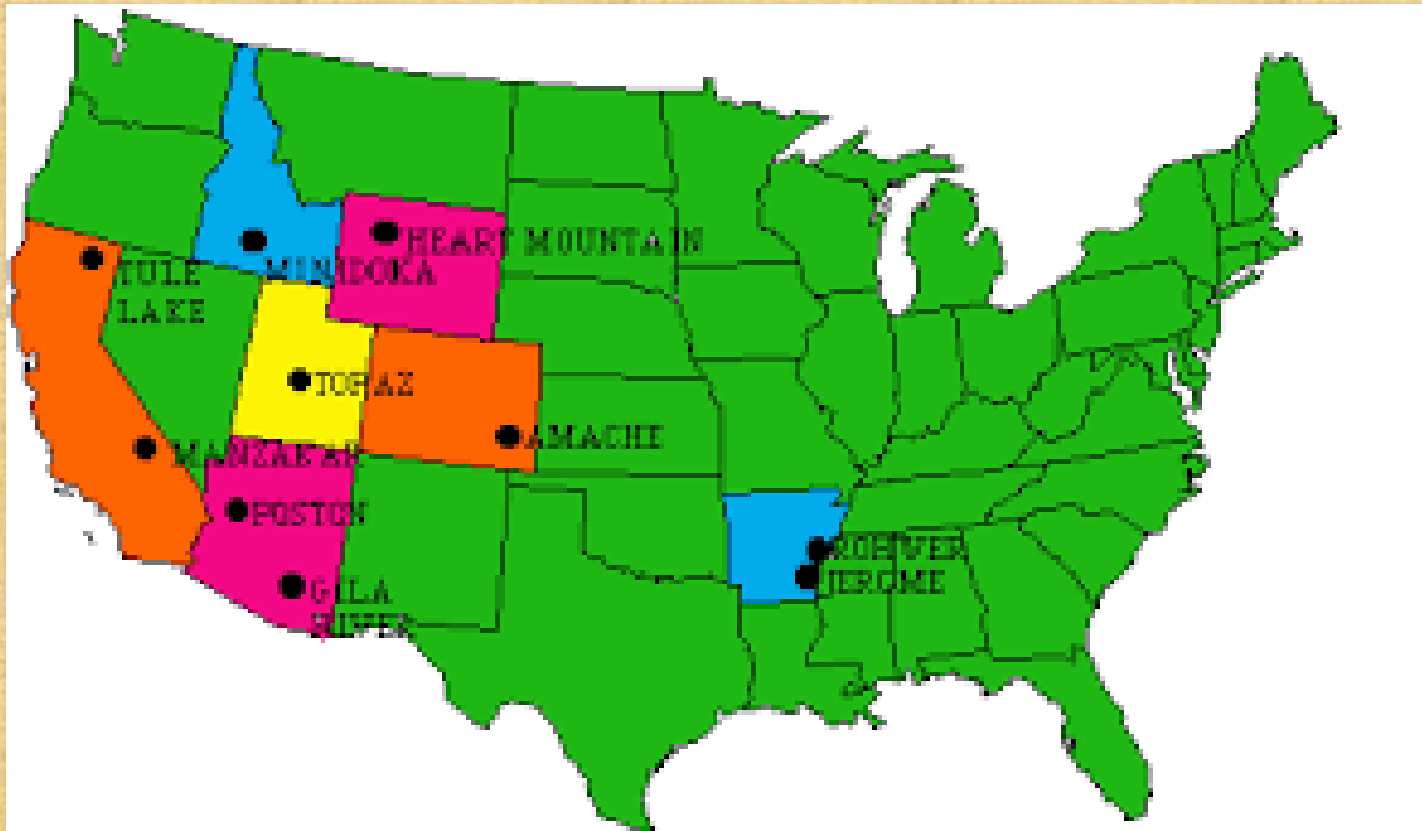
Japanese Americans

- Bombings of Pearl Harbor frightened Americans
- Fear turned against Japanese American through government propaganda
- Seen as “The enemy”
- President Roosevelt issued an executive order to have all Japanese Americans placed in Concentration Camps

Japanese Americans

- Internment Camps
 - Holding facilities which housed Japanese Americans suspected of being loyal to their country.
 - Most imprisoned were native-born American citizens
 - Living conditions were harsh
 - Too hot in the summer, too cold in the winter
 - Military style grub (food)
 - Watch guards were ordered to shoot-to-kill upon escape

Japanese Americans



- Camps existed in Hawaii and on the mainland.
- 8 of which were on the west coast.

Discussion Question

Answer in your interactive notebook. Be prepared to share.

- World War II is said to have accelerated the integration of African-Americans and women into significant participation in American life, do you agree or disagree? How would the treatment of Japanese-Americans in the United States during the war have impacted Japanese-Americans' integration?