

Attitudes about War

- When Britain went to war on **3 September 1939** there was none of the 'flag-waving patriotism' of 1914. The British people were now resigned to the fact that Hitler had to be stopped by force.
- Germans had a greater sense of patriotism about this war, due to the extreme political ideologies and technological innovations.
- Governments throughout Europe had been terrified of bombing. The destruction of innocent civilians at Guernica in Spain during the Spanish Civil War scared many countries.
- In Asia, many young Japanese men were eager to fight in the war, due to extreme loyalty to their Emperor, Hirohito.



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WWII Propaganda

Propaganda was a major part of life on the Homefront. Many aspects of civilian's lives (all around the world) were controlled by propaganda.

Assignment:

- ❖ As we go through pieces of propaganda from Britain, Germany, and Japan, you will analyze propaganda posters to make inferences about life on the Homefront.
- ❖ Then, I will provide you with some information to fill in as well!

Britain

What can this tell us about life in Britain during WWII?

- What is in the poster?
- Images? Symbols?

What's in the image?
What is the message?



Conscription and Participation



- All young men between the ages of 17-31 were signed up for conscription at the beginning of the war.
- If you were unable to fight in the war, you were tasked with work such as farming, building, and mechanic work.
- Women- Tasked with rationing, recycling, reusing, and cultivating food in allotments and gardens.
- From 1941, women were called up for war work, as mechanics, engineers, munitions workers, air raid wardens and fire engine drivers.



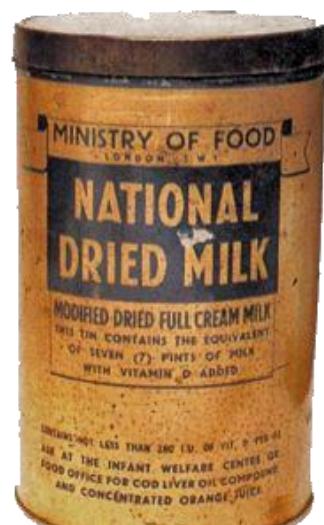
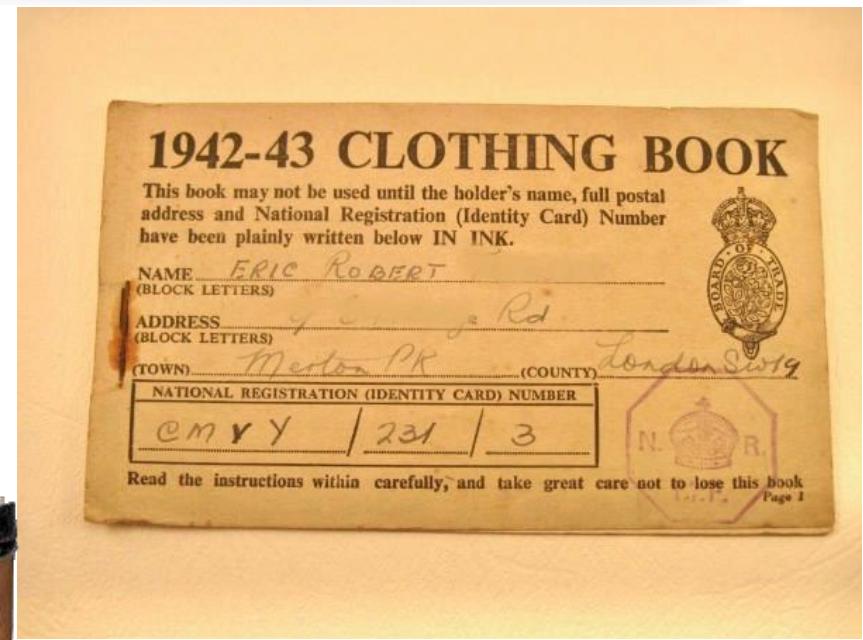
Britain

What is going on? What can this image tell us?

What is the message?

Rationing in Britain

- Rationing dominated the lives of those who lived through the Home Front in World War Two.
- Rationing meant that all families were issued with the booklets below from early 1940 on.
- Black market sales of food became common during this time.



Britain

What is going on?
What is it saying about
children?

What is the message?



Children

- Evacuations were common procedures- Moving people out of large cities when bombings were a threat
 - In the first three days of official evacuation, 1.5 million people were moved: 827,000 children of school age; mothers and young children (under 5); pregnant women; disabled people and over teachers and other 'helpers'.
 - Children were parted from their parents.
 - Gas masks were a common sight in britain during WWII. Many people feared chemical warfare from the Germans.



Germany

Translation: "District Council of the NSDAP"

What is the image showing? What going on?

What is the message?



Role of German Women

- Many young girls were members of League of German Girls
- Many women participated in the workforce during WWII: Farming, industrial jobs, as well as in businesses.
- Women also played a role in working in concentration/extermination camps as "nurses" and guards.



Germany

*Translation: "The enemy
sees your light! Blackout!"*

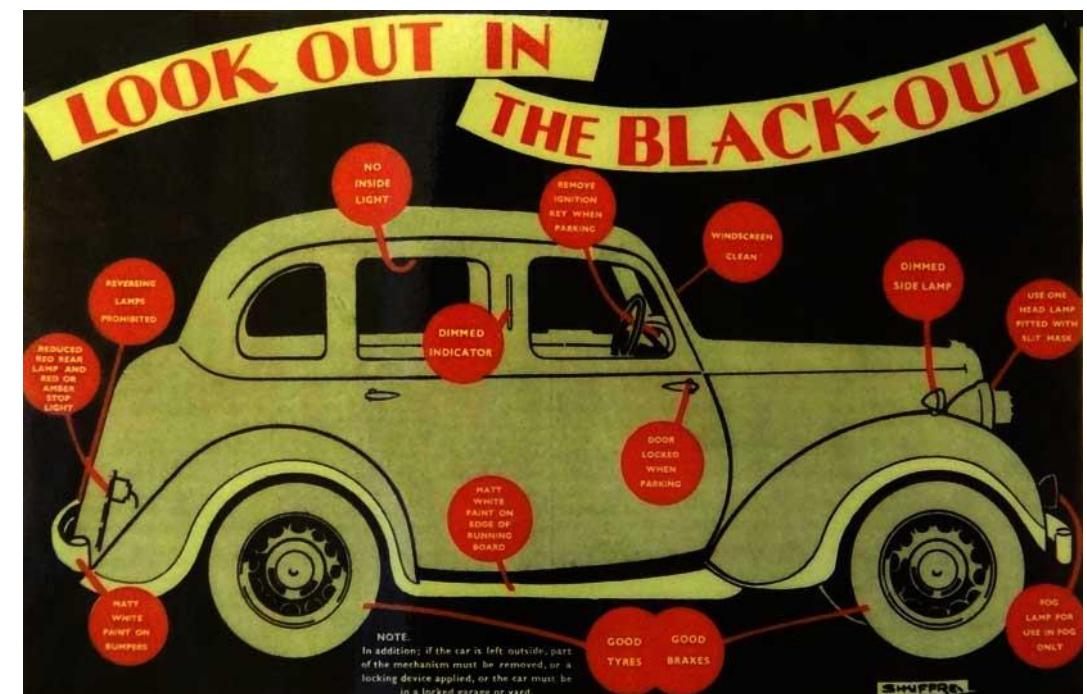
What is going on in this poster?

What was happening in German society?



Blackouts

- Black outs were a common occurrence during WWII in many European countries.
- Citizens would be ordered to cover all lights and windows at night so that the enemy could not see any light from above during Arial raids.
- Blackouts often led to a low morale amongst the public and also occurrences of crime, looting, and vandalism



Germany

Translation: "Beware - Spies. Caution in conversations!"

What is going on? What are the images showing?

What can this tell us about society?



Fear of Internal Threats

- Fear of spies was also something that was common during WWII
- Countries all over the world were worried about enemy infiltration
- In Germany, communism was seen as a major threat, and civilians were warned about carefully conducting conversations.
- Paranoia increased from WWI due to all the new technology

