



Vocabulary List

Homefront	The country that people fighting in a war are from when the soldiers are fighting in another country.
Industry	Businesses, especially manufacturing (example -- the Steel Industry).
“Japanese internment camps”	Large camps that were located in remote, mostly desert places, surrounded by barbed wire and armed guards. Japanese people, many of whom were American citizens, were held in these camps during WWII.
“Meatless Mondays” and “Wheatless Wednesdays”	In order to conserve food and other scarce resources during the war, people were encouraged to restrict their diets.
Migration	The act of moving from one country to another country or from one part of the country to another part of the country.
Propaganda	Information or ideas methodically spread either to promote or injure a cause, group, nation, etc. Propaganda typically provides just one perspective and is designed to instill unquestioning loyalty to a cause or way of thinking. It is frequently used by governments during times of war.
Ration	A fixed share or portion, especially of food or materials needed for war supplies, limited by the government during WWII.
“Rosie the Riveter”	During the war, when many men were serving as soldiers on the military fronts, women were hired for jobs usually held by men before WW II. One such job was riveting steel plates together on battleships and airplanes. “Rosie” was a propaganda invention advertised to encourage women to take mechanical production jobs.
Scrap	Something that has been thrown away. Often scraps can be



	recycled and used for other things.
Strike	To stop working in order to pressure managers and /or owners to provide a pay raise, better working conditions or shorter hours.
“Victory Bonds”	Bonds are loans to the government. The government repays them at a later date with interest. Bonds were used to finance WW II. They are still available today as a form of saving and investment, but are now called savings bonds or e-bonds.
“Victory Gardens”	Gardens in the United States where people grew their own food so that money and machines usually required to grow food could be used to supply the American war effort.
“Zoot Suit”	Style of clothing worn by teenagers, especially Latino youths, during the war years.