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The Century: America's Time 1941-1945 (episode #4 "Homefront")

Directions: Watch the video concerning America through the toils of World War II and answer the questions provided below.

1. What major event took place on the sleepy Sunday morning of December 7th 1941? What were the results of this event that changed America's isolation during World War II?
2. What words did President Franklin Roosevelt tell the American people to calm and convince them during this new time of war?
3. How did American civilians feel about going (back) to war? How many soldiers did America have at the U.S. entry into World War II?
4. What request did FDR give the American people as they learned about America's start in World War II?
5. What were the purpose of government films?
6. What role did cities like Detroit, MI. have in wartime production? What was the nickname of the city during the war?
7. How do women gain opportunities during the war home front? How many women eventually made their way into new occupations?
8. Explain "the war effort"? Provide THREE (3) examples of how all American's were doing something for the war effort?
9. How did newsreels and propaganda films help with the war effort on the home front?
10. How did most Americans feel about the Japanese during World War II? How did Japanese American's deal with the fallout of American support here on U.S. soil?

11. What was Executive Order #9066 How many Japanese were placed in internment camps around the U.S.?
12. Describe what the Japanese internment camps were like for the Japanese prisoners?
13. What was a USO dance hall? What purpose did they serve?
14. Explain how Frank Sinatra rose to fame during the height of America's time at war?
15. Describe what life was like for children and families during the war home front?
16. What symbol was used to signify a family member lost because of the war?
17. Explain the war pivot of June 6th 1944 a.k.a. D-Day. What happened on this particular day that would change the tide of the war for the allied powers?
18. What happened on April 12th 1945? Who assumed the post of President of the U.S.?
19. What was discussed at the Potsdam Conference in the summer of 1945?
20. What was the Bomber named the "Enola Gay" carrying from the U.S. to the beaches of Japan? What task were the pilots of the Enola Gay supposed to do on August 6th 1945?