American Homefront during WWII Activity

1: American Workforce

1. Describe women in the workforce. (how many, what did they do)
2. Who else helped to fill jobs during the war?

2: Images:

1. Which image do you think became more popular with the public during the war? Why?
2. How do these images go against the usual portrayal of women during the era?
3. Do these images fit the definition of propaganda? Why or why not?

3: Everyday Life

1. What were some solutions that the federal government created to deal with the massive demands during the war?
2. List the items that were rationed.
3. How did the American public respond to these rations?
4. If the government deemed it necessary, how do you suppose the American people would respond to rationing today? Why?

4: Images

1. All of the posters can be described as propaganda. Do you feel like these were effective? How so?
2. Create your own propaganda poster for WWII below.

5: U.S. Economy

1. How did the automobile industry help the war effort?
2. WWII cost the U.S. government over \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. List ways the federal government raised the money for the very expensive war.
4. If America got involved in another conflict today that was this costly, how do you suppose they might raise the funding for the war?
5. How did the war impact the Great Depression?

6: Internment of Japanese Americans

1. What was Executive Order 9066?
2. Why did this occur?
3. Describe their living conditions.
4. What was decided in the case of Korematsu vs. the United States?
5. How did Americans respond to the Japanese Americans after the war? Why?
6. What occurred in 1988?
7. Do you suppose something like this could happen today? Why or why not?

7: Images

1. What do you notice about the location of the internment camps?
2. Describe the images from the camp in Amache, Colorado.
3. Fill in the bubble map below.