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**Reading Guide for:**  
**Homefront: The Experience of Total War**

**CQ#3:** What were the consequences of total war on the American homefront? How did the war change American social, economic, and political life during and after the war?

**Instructions:** Read “Homefront: The experience of Total War.” Highlight and markup as appropriate. Provide written responses to the following prompts.

24.1 The Image of the Republic at War:

- (1) What is the message of the poster? How does the poster convey that message? What organization, imagery and symbolism is used?

24.2 Labor Debates the “No Strike Pledge”

- (2) What was the “no strike pledge?” When and why was it enacted?
- (3) In 1943, what arguments were being made in favor of the no strike pledge?
- (4) In 1943, what arguments were being made opposed to the no strike pledge?

24.3 Democratizing the Tax Structure

- (5) How was the tax structure changed during World War II?
- (6) Why was it thought necessary to broaden the tax base?
- (7) How was government able to broaden the tax base so much without more public backlash?

24.4 Japanese-American Relocation: Civil Rights Abridged

- (8) What was done to Japanese aliens and Japanese-Americans?
- (9) Why was this done to Japanese?
- (10) Why was similar action not taken against Germans or Italians?
- (11) What were Mr. Goldblatt’s concerns?

24.5 Race Relations during the War

- (12) What was the pre-war racial status quo?
- (13) How did wartime mobilization affect race relations?
- (14) What problems did wartime racial discord cause?
- (15) What triangle of forces coalesced during war created pressure for long-term change of the status quo?

24.6 Women and Wartime Mobilization

- (16) How did war affect gender relations?
- (17) What problems did changing roles of women create?
- (18) How did the end of war pose problems for gender relations?