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North Carolina: People, Places, & Progress

Chapter 12: The Great Depression and the Big War

Section 4: North Carolina Again Helps Win the World War

Focused Reading

Instructions: Read the section and complete each item with words from the passages in this section.

1. In 1940, a whole _____ of North Carolinians had made _____, segregation, _____ schools, and automobiles part of their normal lives.
2. That made state residents more in tune with _____ events. When their _____ based way of life was threatened, these North Carolinians were quick to do their _____ duty: to sacrifice and fight for what they had.
3. World War II in some ways _____ the issues of the First World War.
4. What was new was the bigger role played by _____, which wanted more influence over the countries of _____ and their natural resources.
5. What was also new was the _____ of President Roosevelt and his allies to have the United States play a more _____ role in the outcome of the war.
6. Once the war started, _____ took two actions that immediately impacted North Carolinians. First, it started another military _____, which put more of the state's young men in the armed _____. Second, Congress extended the _____ tax to most Americans, in order to pay for _____ federal spending.
7. World War II officially began in _____ in September 1939 when Germany invaded _____.
8. North Carolinians were as shocked as anyone when the _____ attacked _____, Hawaii, on December 7, 1941.

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9. On December 8, the United States declared war on _____ and entered the conflict. A few days later, _____ and _____ declared war on the United States.
10. North Carolinians quickly felt the _____ of the war. German _____ ambushed hundreds of ships off Cape Hatteras.
11. More than _____ North Carolinians—whites and blacks, men and women— served in the _____ during World War II.
12. North Carolina became an important military _____ during the war.
13. North Carolinians also had a key role in _____ the materials used to fight the war. In particular, the _____ mills made most of the fabric used by the armed services, from _____ and blankets to _____ and tire cords.
14. More than in previous conflicts, World War II took North Carolina _____ out of the home and put them in the middle of the war effort.
15. _____ North Carolinians served in the same manner as whites in the war, although the draft boards in some counties often shipped off soldiers in _____ buses.
16. The constant coming and going of people throughout the war _____ normal behavior in North Carolina.
17. Large numbers of North Carolinians _____ home during World War II. In addition to the members of the _____, thousands went out of state to get _____ in cities like Norfolk and Baltimore.

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18. To make use of every _____ possible, the federal government imposed strict _____ about the purchase and consumption of goods.
19. Most groceries were controlled by _____; that is, individual families could only buy so much of any item each month.
20. Since _____ was needed for the war effort, it was strictly limited.
21. Families were once again encouraged to plant “_____” to raise more of their own food.
22. The _____ of war got worse in western North Carolina in 1944. The crippling disease _____ struck hundreds of children in many communities, in Hickory more than any other place.
23. North Carolinians _____ the end of the war in 1945. When first the _____ surrendered (in May), and then the _____ (in August), state residents celebrated wherever they happened to be.
24. When the war finally ended, many _____ faced North Carolina and the nation. The war particularly changed the _____ of women and helped attack _____ and _____.