



# 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 \_\_\_\_\_.