

War Contributions: The Home Front

- Read **pages 744-751** from Norton, “The Second World War at Home and Abroad, 1941-1945” in *A People and a Nation: A History of the United States* (2008)
- Read Bercuson, “Roll Up Our Sleeves For Victory: The Home Front” from *Our Finest Hour: Canada Fights in the Second World War* (2015)
- Read Granatstein, “Arming the Nation: Canada’s Industrial War Effort 1939-1945” (2005)
- Use additional links on the class weebly site and managebac

CANADA	UNITED STATES
Describe Canada and the USA’s economic production at the beginning of the war. What was their starting point?	
What kind of organizations were created to control industry, employment, and the economy?	

How was **Industry** controlled in order to contribute to the war effort?

What incentives did industry have to take part in war production?

Who were government contracts awarded to?

How did governments contribute to the Manhattan Project?

How did governments ensure they had enough workers for defense production?

How did the USA increase their labour supply by looking to minority groups?

What kind of incentives did governments provide for women joining the labour force?

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What kinds of statistics of American and Canadian war production stick out to you? What are some notable points of significance?

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How did civilians on the “home front” limit their consumption to aid the war effort?

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What were some ways that governments financed the war effort?

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What kind of racial tensions existed on the home front?

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What were the "zoot suit riots"?

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Were there any people (or groups of people) that rejected contributing to the war effort? What were their reasons?

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How did the war reinforce traditional gender roles? How did it contradict them?

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