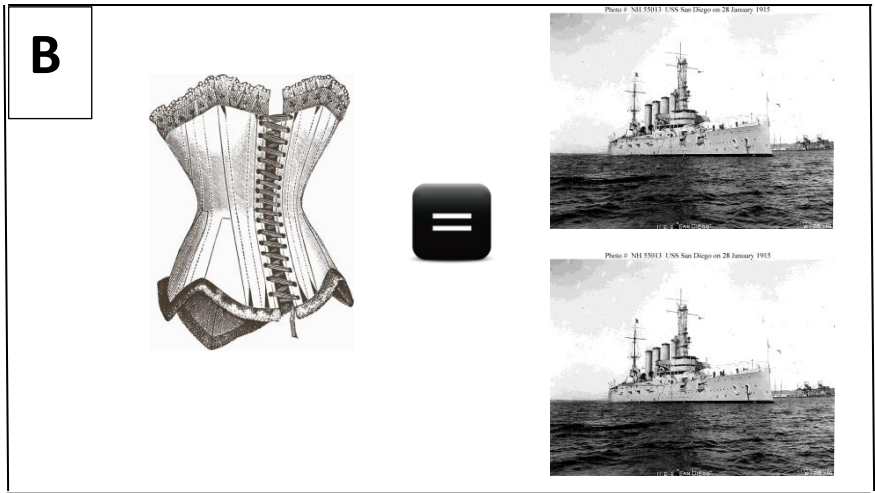


**A****B**

In July of 1917 the War Industries Board was created to coordinate the American economy and help our changeover to the production of war materials. The board set wages and hours for workers and made sure our natural resources were being used efficiently. Factories were told what to produce and the Board even went as far as to conduct psychological tests to make sure workers got the right jobs. No detail was too small for Bernard Baruch, the War Industry Board Chairman. Baruch realized that the women's corset (above left) used vertical steel rods to keep its shape. Baruch asked the women of America to give up this popular fashion and the steel saved, believe it or not, was enough to make two new battleships for the U.S. Navy! The War Industries Board was able to increase factory production by 20% in 1917 and 1918 which guaranteed that the American soldiers were the best supplied soldiers in the war.

1. What is the purpose of Poster "A"?
2. Why was Poster "A" an effective propaganda poster?
3. Explain the equation in "B".
4. What was the purpose of The War Industries Board?
5. What are two things The War Industries Board did to increase factory production?
6. How do we know The War Industries Board was successful?