



These posters show just some of the many sacrifices the government was asking Americans on the home front to make during the war.

America had been preparing for war even before Pearl Harbor. Factories producing war materials expanded and we held the first peacetime draft in our history. Very quickly after the Japanese attack on December 7th of 1941, volunteers flooded to recruiting stations and the government began to ask Americans to make huge sacrifices for the war effort.

1. How was America preparing for war even before the attack on Pearl Harbor?
2. What is Poster A asking Americans to do? How would this help the war effort?
3. Why do you think Poster B was an effective way to get people to buy war bonds?
4. Poster C says “We can do it”. What is it that we can do? (Hint: It isn’t winning the war.)
5. What is Poster D asking Americans to do? How would this help the war effort?
6. Video: What does the narrator ask the housewives of America to do?
7. Video: How can this help the war effort?
8. Video: How can families benefit from saving this household item?

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