Virginia Studies VS.10

Virginia during World War I and World War II (new 2023 standards)

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VS.10a – Preparing for Wartime: Leadership and Citizens in Action

a) Examine how key leaders and citizens prepared for wartime.

America Enters the World Wars

World War I (1914–1918) and World War II (1939–1945) were both global

wars that involved many countries, and they had a

big impact on Virginia and the entire United States.

- The U.S. stayed neutral at first in both wars.
- In WWI, the U.S. joined in 1917 after the sinking of ships like the Lusitania by German submarines.
- In WWII, the U.S. entered in 1941 after Japan bombed Pearl Harbor in Hawaii.

Leaders Step Up

- Woodrow Wilson, from Virginia, was president during World War I.
- He helped lead peace talks and supported creating the League of Nations.
- Although the League didn't last, Wilson's efforts earned him the Nobel Peace Prize.

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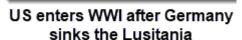


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Citizens Support the War Effort

- Rationing Families could only buy limited amounts of goods like sugar, meat, and gasoline so more could go to the troops.
- Victory Gardens Families grew their own vegetables so more food could be sent to soldiers.
- War Bonds Citizens loaned money to the government by purchasing savings bonds to help pay for the war.
- Recycling and Preserving People collected scrap metal, rubber, and preserved food to help supply the military.





NYT headline: "LUSITANIA

SUNK BY A SUBMARINE.

PROBABLY 1200 DEAD"



US enters WWII after Japan attack at Pearl Harbor

8 VS.10B – CONTRIBUTIONS OF MILITARY VETERANS AND MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS

10b) Describe the contributions made by military veterans and Medal of Honor recipients.

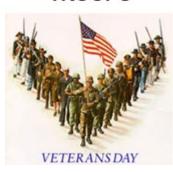
Virginia's Heroes

- Many Virginians served bravely in both World War I and World War II.
- Soldiers from Virginia fought in key battles and helped defend

freedom both at home and abroad.



HONORING THE TROOPS



Medal of Honor

- The **Medal of Honor** is the **highest military** award in the United States.
- It is awarded to members of the armed forces who show extreme bravery in battle, risking their lives beyond what is expected.
- Several Virginians have received the Medal of Honor for their courageous service during these wars.

November 11, the day in 1918 when WWI peace agreement was signed, was designated **Veterans Day**, a holiday to honor veterans of all U.S. war