

The World War II Home Front in Mississippi

Online Teaching Unit

A wealth of primary sources including newspapers, images, ration and war bond booklets, museum artifacts, oral histories, maps, and posters are used to bring the World War II Home Front in Mississippi to life for students. Students analyze and interpret these materials through close readings, worksheets, research and writing, art projects, and even games. While some topics such as rationing, Victory Gardens, and the GI Bill are issues that affected all Americans, others such as German POW camps, Ingalls Shipyard, and Jackson's Tripps Crossing GI subdivision are topics unique to the state of Mississippi.

The World War II Home Front in Mississippi lessons and handouts are adaptable for grades 4-12.

Objectives

- Using a combination of maps, newspapers, radio broadcasts, and newsreels students will receive a basic overview of World War II and how it was reported to the American people. Students will also learn how propaganda was utilized by the government to ensure each American contributed to the war effort and create their own propaganda related to current event within their community.
- Learn about the different jobs Mississippians performed to help the war effort and identify primary sources that represent each role. Then interact with veterans by conducting oral histories detailing their wartime experiences and take an opportunity to thank those who have served while practicing basic letter writing skills.
- Students will learn how everyday life, at home, school, and work, was affected by World War II. They will have the opportunity to understand rationing, scrap metal drives, and Victory Gardens, using a combination of math, science, and history lessons.
- Using newspapers from Mississippi factories, shipyards, and military bases, students will understand the dramatic effect World War II had on the work place by looking at war work's cause and effects, the impact of foreign labor, and the changes in workplace culture.
- Students will learn about the benefits and challenges facing veterans returning home, particularly the educational and home loan benefits provided by the GI Bill and post-war housing design, and suburban sprawl.
- Students will continue to explore the changes and challenges faced by Mississippians during the post-war years, including the dichotomy of civil rights that were fought for during World War II but unattainable to many in the United States. Research skills are practiced as students gain an introduction to Mississippi veterans who go on to become leaders of the Civil Rights Movement in the 1950s and 1960s.

Common Core and Mississippi Department of Education Curricular Connections

Lesson One: The World at War

Common Core Language Arts	Grade 4	RI1; RI2; RI3; RI5; RI6; RI7; RI8; RI9; W2; W4; W5; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL5; SL6; L1; L2; L3; L5
	Grade 5	RI1; RI2; RI3; RI5; RI6; RI7; RI8; RI9; W2; W4; W5; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL5; SL6; L1; L2; L3; L5
	Grade 6	RI1; RI2; RI3; RI4; RI5; RI6; RI7; RI8; RI9; W2; W4; W5; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL5; SL6; L1; L2; L3; L5; RH1; RH2; RH4; RH5; RH6; RH7; RH8; WHST2; WHST4; WHST5
	Grade 7	RI1; RI2; RI3; RI4; RI5; RI6; RI7; RI8; RI9; W2; W4; W5; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL5; SL6; L1; L2; L3; L5; RH1; RH2; RH4; RH5; RH6; RH7; RH8; WHST2; WHST4; WHST5
	Grade 8	RI1; RI2; RI3; RI4; RI5; RI6; RI7; RI8; RI9; W2; W4; W5; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL5; SL6; L1; L2; L3; L5; RH1; RH2; RH4; RH5; RH6; RH7; RH8; WHST2; WHST4; WHST5
	Grades 9-10	RI1; RI2; RI3; RI4; RI5; RI6; RI7; RI8; W2; W4; W5; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL5; SL6; L1; L2; L3; L5; RH1; RH2; RH3; RH4; RH5; RH6; RH8; WHST2; WHST4; WHST5
	Grades 11-12	RI1; RI2; RI3; RI4; RI5; RI6; RI7; W2; W4; W5; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL5; SL6; L1; L2; L3; L5; RH1; RH2; RH3; RH4; RH5; RH6; RH7; RH8; WHST2; WHST4; WHST5
Social Studies	Sixth Grade, World Geography and Citizenship	4
	Ninth Grade, Mississippi Studies	3a
	United States Government	7a
	World History from the Age of Enlightenment to the Present	3c
	U.S. History from Post-Reconstruction to Present	3c; 7a; 7c

Lesson Two: Mississippians at War

Common Core Language Arts	Grade 4	RI1; RI2; RI7; W1; W4; W5; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL5; L1; L2; L3
	Grade 5	RI1; RI2; RI7; W1; W4; W5; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL5; L1; L2; L3
	Grade 6	RI1; RI2; RI7; W3; W4; W5; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL5; SL6; L1; L2; L3; RH1; RH7; RH8; RH9; WHST4; WHST5
	Grade 7	RI1; W3; W4; W5; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL5; SL6; L1; L2; L3; RH1; RH7; RH8; RH9; WHST4; WHST5
	Grade 8	RI3; W3; W4; W5; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL5; SL6; L1; L2; L3; RH1; RH7; RH8; RH9; WHST4; WHST5
	Grades 9-10	RI1; W3; W4; W5; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL5; SL6; L1; L2; RH1; RH9; WHST4; WHST5
	Grades 11-12	RI1; W3; W4; W5; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL5; SL6; L1; L2; RH1; RH7; RH9; WHST4; WHST5
Social Studies	Sixth Grade, World Geography and Citizenship	3b
	Ninth Grade, Mississippi Studies	3a
	U.S. History from Post-Reconstruction to Present	2a; 3c; 7a
	Minority Studies	2b; 4a; 4c
	African American Studies	1c; 1d; 2a

Lesson Three: The War at Home and School

Common Core Language Arts	Grade 4	RI1; RI2; RI3; RI7; SL1; SL2; SL3; L1; L3
	Grade 5	RI1; RI2; RI3; RI7; SL1; SL2; SL3; L1; L3
	Grade 6	RI1; RI2; RI7; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL6; L1; L3; RH2; RH4; RH5; RH7; RST3; RST4; RST7
	Grade 7	RI1; RI3; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL6; L1; L3; RH2; RH4; RH5; RH7; RST3; RST4; RST7
	Grade 8	RI1; RI3; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL6; L1; L3; RH2; RH4; RH5; RH7; RST3; RST4; RST7
	Grades 9-10	RI1; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL5; SL6; L1; L3; RH2; RH4; RH7; RST3; RST4; RST7
	Grades 11-12	RI1; RI7; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL5; SL6; L1; L3; RH2; RH7; RST3; RST4; RST7
Common Core Math	Grade 4	4.OA.1-4; 4.NBT.4-5; 4.MD.2, 5a, 6
	Grade 5	5.OA.1; 5.NBT.4-7; 5.MD.2; 5.G.1-2
	Grade 6	6.RP.3a, c; 6.NS.2-3, 8
	Grade 7	7.EE.3

Lesson Three: The War at Home and School (continued)

Science	Grade 4	1a-e; 1g
	Grade 5	1
	Grade 6	1
	Grade 7	1a-f; 1h
	Grade 8	1a-f
	Introduction to Biology	1b-g
	Biology I	1b-g
	Biology II	1b-f
	Botany	1b-g
Social Studies	Ninth Grade, Mississippi Studies	5a; 5c
	U.S. History from Post-Reconstruction to Present	3c; 7a

Lesson Four: Wartime Work

Common Core Language Arts	Grade 4	RI1; RI2; RI3; RI5; RI7; RI8; RI9; RF3; RF4; W4; W8; W9b; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL5; SL6; L1; L2; L3
	Grade 5	RI1; RI2; RI3; RI5; RI7; RI8; RI9; RF3; RF4; W4; W8; W9b; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL5; SL6; L1; L2; L3
	Grade 6	RI1; RI2; RI3; RI4; RI5; RI6; RI7; RI8; W4; W8; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL5; SL6; L1; L3; RH1; RH2; RH3; RH4; RH5; RH6; RH7; RH8
	Grade 7	RI1; RI2; RI3; RI4; RI5; RI6; RI8; W4; W8; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL5; SL6; L1; L3; RH1; RH2; RH3; RH4; RH5; RH6; RH7; RH8
	Grade 8	RI1; RI2; RI3; RI4; RI5; RI6; RI8; W4; W8; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL5; SL6; L1; L3; RH1; RH2; RH3; RH4; RH5; RH6; RH7; RH8
	Grades 9-10	RI1; RI2; RI3; RI4; RI5; RI6; RI8; W4; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL5; SL6; L1; L3; RH1; RH2; RH3; RH4; RH5; RH6; RH8; RH9
	Grades 11-12	RI1; RI2; RI3; RI4; RI5; RI6; RI7; W4; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL5; SL6; L1; L3; RH1; RH2; RH3; RH4; RH5; RH6; RH7; RH8; RH9
Social Studies	Fourth Grade, Mississippi Studies	3a; 4c; 5a; 5b; 5c; 5f; 6c
	Sixth Grade, World Geography and Citizenship	4a; 5a; 5c
	Ninth Grade, Mississippi Studies	1f; 3; 5a; 5c
	U.S. History from Post-Reconstruction to Present	2; 3c; 5; 7a; 7c
	Minority Studies	1a; 1b; 1c; 2c; 2e; 4b; 4c
	African American Studies	2a; 6b

Lesson Five: Coming Home

Common Core Language Arts	Grade 4	RI1; RI2; RI3; RI5; RI7; RI9; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL6; L1; L3
	Grade 5	RI1; RI2; RI5; RI7; RI9; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL6; L1; L3
	Grade 6	RI1; RI2; RI3; RI5; RI7; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL5; SL6; L1; L3; RH1; RH2; RH5; RH7; RH9
	Grade 7	RI1; RI2; RI3; RI5; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL5; SL6; L1; L3; RH1; RH2; RH5; RH7; RH9
	Grade 8	RI1; RI2; RI5; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL5; SL6; L1; L3; RH1; RH2; RH5; RH7; RH9
	Grades 9-10	RI1; RI2; RI3; RI5; RI6; RI7; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL5; SL6; L1; L3; RH1; RH2; RH5; RH6; RH7; RH9
	Grades 11-12	RI1; RI2; RI3; RI5; RI6; RI7; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL5; SL6; L1; L3; RH1; RH2; RH5; RH6; RH7; RH9
Common Core Math	Grade 4	4.OA.1-3; 4.NBT.1, 3-5
	Grade 5	5.NBT.1-7
	Grade 6	6.RP.3a-c; 6.NS.2-3; 6.EE.1
	Grade 7	7.EE.3-4
Social Studies	Fourth Grade, Mississippi Studies	1c
	Sixth Grade, World Geography and Citizenship	4a; 6a; 6d
	U.S. Government	3b
	U.S. History from Post-Reconstruction to Present	3c; 7a; 7c
	Problems in American Democracy	5a; 5b; 5d

Lesson Six: Civil Rights in a Post-War World

Common Core Language Arts	Grade 4	RI7; RI9; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL5; SL6; L1; L3
	Grade 5	RI7; RI9; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL5; SL6; L1; L3
	Grade 6	RI7; RI9; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL5; SL6; L1; L3; RH7; RH9
	Grade 7	RI9; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL5; SL6; L1; L3; RH7; RH9
	Grade 8	RI7; RI9; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL5; SL6; L1; L3; RH7; RH9
	Grades 9-10	RI7; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL5; SL6; L1; L3; RH6; RH9
	Grades 11-12	RI7; SL1; SL2; SL3; SL4; SL5; SL6; L1; L3; RH6; RH7; RH9
Social Studies	Fourth Grade, Mississippi Studies	4b; 4c
	Sixth Grade, World Geography and Citizenship	2; 6c
	Ninth Grade, Mississippi Studies	4b; 4c; 6b
	U.S. Government	7a
	U.S. History from Post-Reconstruction to Present	3c; 4a; 4e; 4f
	Minority Studies	1b; 2a; 2c; 2e
	African American Studies	1c; 1d; 2a