UNITED STATES
HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY
Dear Student,

Many of us are curious, and we have questions about many things. We have the more personal questions, such as, “What type of job or career might I be suited for?” or “How do I learn the best way to save money to buy the things I want or need?” to questions of a larger nature about the world around us. These might include questions such as the following: “What does being treated like an adult mean? Why do nations go to war with one another? How do I understand what I see or read about in history or online or in the news? Why do political parties clash with one another so frequently?”

Asking good questions helps us take charge of our own learning. Learning to ask good questions is a process, as “yes” or “no” types of questions don’t get us very far in discovering why events happened or why people feel as they do. Once we master this process, however, we become better thinkers and researchers and can find out more about subjects that interest us. Asking good questions is also important if we want to understand and affect the world around us.

In this book, as in other parts of the program, there will be “Essential Questions” that you will research. These are universal questions. Examples of such questions include: “How do new ideas change the way people live?” and “What makes a culture unique?” and “What characteristics make a good leader?” and “Why does conflict develop?” You will choose some of your own supporting questions to help you answer the Essential Question.

As you move through the study of history, you will be reading primary and secondary sources about a specific time period. Primary sources—whether they are diaries, poetry, letters, or artwork—were created by people who saw or experienced the event they are describing. Secondary sources—whether they are biographies, or history books, or your student text, are created after an event, by people who were not part of the original event.

Once you have completed the readings and the text notes, there is a “Report Your findings” project in which you answer the Essential Question. You will work on some parts of the project by yourself, and you will work on other parts of the project with your classmates. You will be given many opportunities to take informed action. This means that you will use what you have learned and apply it to a current issue in a way that interests you. You will share this information with other students or with people in your community.
America and World War II

ESSENTIAL QUESTION

What kinds of sacrifices does war require?

World War II affected millions of people around the globe. What kinds of sacrifices did the war demand of soldiers? Of civilians living in the war-torn regions? Of civilians whose land was not invaded?

TALK ABOUT IT

With a partner, discuss the sort of information you would need to discover how the events of World War II affected people’s lives around the world and the sacrifices it caused those people to make. For example, you might ask: What new sacrifices did World War II force people to make as compared to previous wars?

DIRECTIONS: Write down three additional questions that will help you explain the sacrifices that World War II brought about.

MY RESEARCH QUESTIONS

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**Wartime America**

**DIRECTIONS:** Search for evidence in the lesson to help you answer the following questions.

1A **SUMMARIZING** How had Americans viewed the draft before World War II? How did those attitudes change in the early years of the war?

1B **EXPLAINING EFFECTS** How did the attack on Pearl Harbor affect American attitudes about military service? Was this a change or a continuation of a trend?

2A **UNDERSTANDING CONTEXT** What does the decision to use cost-plus contracts to produce weapons and equipment tell us about the needs of the government and the importance of American businesses to the war effort?

**ESSENTIAL QUESTION**

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As you gather evidence to answer the Essential Question, think about:

- how and why people volunteered or were drafted for military service in the United States.
- how the move to a wartime economy affected American civilian life.
- how the war affected all of American society.

**My Notes**

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2B EVALUATING Was the policy of converting civilian businesses to wartime production successful? Did this policy meet the government’s needs?

3 SUMMARIZING Use the chart to summarize some of the policies that were instituted to prepare the United States for life during wartime. Analyze these policies in terms of the social changes they caused.

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4A CIVICS How did the entry of the United States into the war cause the country to compromise some of its values?

4B ANALYZING CHANGE Were these compromises justified? How should rights be balanced against the needs of a war? Explain your answers.
ANALYZE THE SOURCE

ESSENTIAL QUESTION
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Fireside Chat

DIRECTIONS: Read the transcript of a fireside chat, and then respond to the questions that follow.

EXPLORE THE CONTEXT: President Franklin D. Roosevelt hosted “fireside chats” during evening radio programming. He used his radio address to explain political issues and clear up rumors. The primary focus of these fireside chats was to allay the fears of the public during the Great Depression and then World War II.

PRIMARY SOURCE: RADIO ADDRESS

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To build the factories, to buy the materials, to pay the labor, to provide the transportation, to equip and feed and house the soldiers and sailors and marines, and to do all the thousands of things necessary in a war—all cost a lot of money, more money than has ever been spent by any nation at any time in the long history of the world. We are now spending, solely for war purposes, the sum of about $100 million every day in the week. But, before this year is over, that almost unbelievable rate of expenditure will be doubled. All of this money has to be spent—and spent quickly—if we are to produce within the time now available the enormous quantities of weapons of war which we need. But the spending of these tremendous sums presents grave danger of disaster to our national economy. When your government continues to spend these unprecedented sums for munitions month by month and year by year, that money goes into the pocketbooks and bank accounts of the people of the United States. At the same time raw materials and many manufactured goods are necessarily taken away from civilian use; and machinery and factories are being converted to war production. You do not have to be a professor of mathematics or economics to see that if people with plenty of cash start bidding against each other for scarce goods, the price of those goods goes up.”

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1 ANALYZING POINT OF VIEW
To whom do you think this radio speech is directed?

2 SUMMARIZING
What is President Roosevelt trying to convey about the country’s economy in this radio address?

3 CIVICS
According to President Roosevelt, how did civilians contribute to the war effort?

4 UNDERSTANDING CONTEXT
Why do you think this speech was broadcast on the radio rather than in a newspaper?

5 IDENTIFYING BIAS
Does President Roosevelt reveal any bias in this speech? How can you tell?

6 DRAWING CONCLUSIONS
How would this radio speech motivate Americans to support (or continue their support) for the war?
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DIRECTIONS: Study the poster. Then respond to the questions that follow.

EXPLORE THE CONTEXT: Wartime meant shortages of all kinds, as resources and materials were diverted to the war effort and hundreds of thousands (and eventually, millions) of men were called to serve in the armed forces overseas. To keep the population fed and healthy, citizens were encouraged to grow fruits and vegetables in their own garden and to learn to preserve them by canning and pickling. Posters such as the one shown here were distributed to encourage these practices in support of the war effort.

PRIMARY SOURCE: POSTER

1 INTEGRATING INFORMATION What messages were people meant to take from this poster? Explain your answer.

2 UNDERSTANDING CONTEXT Why is this poster considered wartime propaganda?

—poster created by artist Alfred Parker
3 COMPARING AND CONTRASTING How are this source and the war bonds referenced in the Student Edition related to one another? What messages do they share? How do they differ?

4 EVALUATING INFORMATION What conclusions can you draw about the role of women in wartime from this poster?

5 ECONOMICS What might be some economic consequences of people growing and canning their own food?

6 IDENTIFYING CONNECTIONS In what ways was World War II different for Americans compared to wars occurring today?
The War in the Pacific

DIRECTIONS Search for evidence in the lesson to help you answer the following questions.

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Letter to Major Jones

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2. DISTINGUISHING FACT AND OPINION What is one fact contained in Johnston’s letter?

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4. INFERRING What can you infer from this about U.S. radio transmissions in World War II?

5. RELATING EVENTS What might have happened if the United States had not used Navajo soldiers to speak their language on the radio?

6. EVALUATING Was it a smart decision to use the Navajo code talkers?
Communication from General MacArthur

**DIRECTIONS:** Read the communication from General MacArthur. Then respond to the questions that follow.

**EXPLORE THE CONTEXT:** This communication from General MacArthur, commander of the American and Filipino troops defending the Philippines, was written shortly before President Roosevelt ordered MacArthur’s evacuation to Australia. In it, he recommends a plan of attack against the Japanese.

—from MacArthur to General Marshall, February 4, 1942

**PRIMARY SOURCE: RADIOGRAM**

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1. **DETERMINING CENTRAL IDEAS** What does MacArthur hope to accomplish by writing this communication?

2. **CITING TEXT EVIDENCE** Why does MacArthur feel that the current plan of defense is flawed?

3. **GEOGRAPHY** According to MacArthur, how does the geography of the region work to their advantage?

4. **DESCRIBING** What strategy for countering the Japanese offensive is MacArthur recommending?

5. **IDENTIFYING CONNECTIONS** Why do you think the Japanese were so interested in attacking the Philippines?
The War in Europe

DIRECTIONS Search for evidence in the lesson to help you answer the following questions.

1A DETERMINING CONTEXT Why did Prime Minister Churchill want U.S. troops to attack the periphery of the German Empire instead of directly invading Europe?

1B SUMMARIZING What happened when U.S. troops fought the German army for the first time in western Tunisia? What action did General Dwight D. Eisenhower take after the attack?

3 IDENTIFYING CONNECTIONS What is a convoy system, and why did the U.S. Navy set one up?

ESSENTIAL QUESTION

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As you gather evidence to answer the Essential Question, think about
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4 UNDERSTANDING CONTEXT Use the table to list the features of the four nighttime strategies discussed for the D-Day invasion. In the right column, write the reasoning for each strategy.

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5A GEOGRAPHY How did the Germans use Omaha Beach’s geography to their advantage?

5B EVALUATING What do you think would have been the outcome if the Allies hadn’t waited for the perfect conditions to execute the D-Day invasion?
Mission Plan

DIRECTIONS: Read the mission plan excerpt, and then respond to the questions that follow.

EXPLORE THE CONTEXT: The United States and Britain formed the Combined Chiefs of Staff with the Allies’ top military staff as a way to combine efforts during the war. Below is an excerpt from the plan that was approved at the meeting in 1943.

PRIMARY SOURCE: MISSION PLAN

"The mission of the U.S. and British bomber forces, as prescribed by the Combined Chiefs of Staff at Casablanca, is as follows:
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French Resistance

**DIRECTIONS:** Study the image. Then respond to the questions that follow.

**EXPLORE THE CONTEXT:** This photo shows an American officer and a French partisan crouching behind a car during a street fight in a French city. Members of the French resistance were ordinary people fighting to free their country from German occupation. They did not have uniforms and often lacked military equipment.

**VOCABULARY**

*partisan:* resistance or underground fighter

**PRIMARY SOURCE: PHOTOGRAPH**

—taken in France in 1944

**ESSENTIAL QUESTION**

*What kinds of sacrifices does war require?*

**EVALUATING**

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How would you describe this war scene?

**DETERMINING POINT OF VIEW**

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**CIVICS**

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The War Ends

**DIRECTIONS** Search for evidence in the lesson to help you answer the following questions.

1. **IDENTIFYING CAUSES** Why did President Truman decide to bomb Japan after Germany surrendered?

2. **COMPARING AND CONTRASTING** Use the chart to list the differences between the firebombs and nuclear bombs used in World War II.

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3A. **UNDERSTANDING CONTEXT** What motivated President Truman to use nuclear bombs?

3B. **GEOGRAPHY** Where were the nuclear bombs dropped, and why were those cities chosen?

**ESSENTIAL QUESTION** What kinds of sacrifices does war require?

As you gather evidence to answer the Essential Question, think about:
- the circumstances and consequences of dropping the atomic bomb on Japan.
- the consequences of World War II.
EXPLAINING CAUSE AND EFFECT After Japan surrendered, how did the United States, Britain, France, and the Soviet Union come together to punish German and Japanese leaders for war crimes?

IDENTIFYING CONNECTIONS How did the end of World War II provoke the Cold War?
COUNT ONE: THE COMMON DESIGN OR CONSPIRACY

1 Between September 1939 and April 1945 all of the defendants herein, acting pursuant to a common design, unlawfully, willfully, and knowingly did conspire and agree together and with each other and with diverse other persons, to commit War Crimes and Crimes against Humanity, as defined in Control Council Law No. 10, Article II.

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CONTINUE READING THE DOCUMENT

**SUMMARIZING** Briefly write what the defendant was charged with.

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**DESCRIBING** What does the indictment say the defendant specifically did?

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**DETERMINING MEANING** What is the indictment referring to with “common design” or “plans”?

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**RELATING EVENTS** Why did these trials occur?

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**UNDERSTANDING CHANGE** How would these trials build a better world?

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**CIVICS** What verdict do you think a court would reach today in this case?

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Dropping the Atomic Bomb

DIRECTIONS: Read the following excerpt from a press release announcing the decision to drop the atomic bomb on Japan. Then respond to the questions that follow.

EXPLORE THE CONTEXT: The Manhattan Project was a secret program begun by President Roosevelt to build an atomic bomb. Once the bomb became a reality, President Truman considered it a weapon that could be used to save American lives. When Japan ignored the Potsdam Declaration calling for its surrender, President Truman carried out the threat of “prompt and utter destruction” by ordering use of the atomic bomb.

PRIMARY SOURCE: PRESS RELEASE

“SIXTEEN HOURS AGO an American airplane dropped one bomb on Hiroshima, an important Japanese Army base. That bomb had more power than 20,000 tons of T.N.T. It had more than two thousand times the blast power of the British “Grand Slam” which is the largest bomb ever yet used in the history of warfare....It is an atomic bomb. It is a harnessing of the basic power of the universe. The force from which the sun draws its power has been loosed against those who brought war to the Far East.

...it was to spare the Japanese people from utter destruction that the ultimatum of July 26 was issued at Potsdam. Their leaders promptly rejected that ultimatum. If they do not now accept our terms they may expect a rain of ruin from the air, the like of which has never been seen on this earth. Behind this air attack will follow sea and land forces in such numbers and power as they have not yet seen and with the fighting skill of which they are already well aware.

...It has never been the habit of the scientists of this country or the policy of this Government to withhold from the world scientific knowledge. Normally, therefore, everything about the work with atomic energy would be made public. But under present circumstances it is not intended to divulge the technical processes of production or all the military applications, pending further examination of possible methods of protecting us and the rest of the world from the danger of sudden destruction. I shall recommend that the Congress of the United States consider promptly the establishment of an appropriate commission to control the production and use of atomic power within the United States. I shall give further consideration and make further recommendations to the Congress as to how atomic power can become a powerful and forceful influence towards the maintenance of world peace.”

—a Statement by the President, August 6, 1945

ESSENTIAL QUESTION

What kinds of sacrifices does war require?

VOCABULARY

ultimatum: demand, requirement
applications: uses, purposes
divulge: make known
CITING TEXT EVIDENCE Why does Truman feel obligated to break with the tradition of sharing scientific breakthroughs with the world?

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DETERMINING POINT OF VIEW How do you know that President Truman feels strongly about using this new technology responsibly?

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GEOGRAPHY What impact do you think the harnessing of atomic power has on the environment?

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UNDERSTANDING CONTEXT Why do you think the Allies issued an ultimatum (the Potsdam Declaration) to the Japanese?

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IDENTIFYING CONNECTIONS Why does the president say that atomic power and all its potential for massive destruction is a “forceful influence toward the maintenance of world peace”?

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1 **Think About It**

Review the supporting questions you developed at the beginning of the chapter. Review the evidence you gathered in the chapter. Were you able to answer each Supporting Question? If there was not enough evidence to answer your Supporting Questions, what additional evidence do you think you need to consider?

2 **Organize Your Evidence**

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CITIZENSHIP
TAKE ACTION

MAKE CONNECTIONS Throughout its history, the United States has asked men and women to make sacrifices for the good of the country through service in the country’s armed forces. Today, over 20 million people are veterans of the armed forces. They have served in conflicts such as World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and the first Persian Gulf War. The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan are still ongoing, and the United States maintains military bases around the globe. Every one of these servicemen, servicewomen, and their families has direct experience of what it means to make sacrifices for their country, for its citizens, and for people around the globe.

DIRECTIONS: With the help of your teacher identify veterans from your local area to interview about the sacrifices they made in the armed forces. You might identify family members who are veterans or organize a visit to a local veteran’s organization. Work in a small group to draft a series of questions you would like to ask your interview subjects. Consider asking them about their background, the circumstances in which they joined the armed forces, where their service took them, and the sacrifices they had to make as a result. Next, decide how you will record your interviews. You might write the answers on a notepad or laptop or record them using a video camera or digital recorder.

After conducting your interviews, create a multimedia presentation from the material you gained from your interviewee(s) in which you will analyze the experiences of your interview subject(s) and draw conclusions about why people serve in the armed forces and the kinds of sacrifices they (and their loved ones) make. Consider the historical context for your conclusions. Has the United States always demanded the same sacrifices of successive generations or across different conflicts? What factors have changed? What could be done to better support the country’s veterans?