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WWII strengthened the federal government. There was massive rationing, fixed wages and prices, and production quotas. The government got away with it because most people just wanted to be back at work. Unemployment dropped from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_in 1940 to 2 percent in 1942. Of course 13 million were employed in the military, which is going to cause the unemployment number to drop a lot. US production and manufacturing kicked into high gear. US factories produced an airplane every five minutes and a ship every day.

Government spending during the war was twice what it had been during the previous one hundred and fifty years. Although much of the expense was borrowed some of the money came from taxes. More people paid taxes than ever before. Prior to the war \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_paid income tax, by the end of the war that number was 40 million. Government contracts created bigger big businesses. By 1945 just 200 corporations controlled 50 percent of corporate assets. Unions grew from a membership of 9 million in 1940 to 15 million in 1945. Government forced businesses to deal with unions to keep war production up. By 1944 women were one third of the labor force.

WWII is an ideological war. FDR touted his\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. They were the Freedom of Speech, Freedom of worship, Freedom from want, and Freedom from fear. FDR wanted to expand the welfare state and guarantee full employment, medical care, and housing. Southern democrats blocked the legislation. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_helped returning soldiers adjust to civilian life. It helped them get mortgages and education. Meanwhile corporations where creating a Fifth freedom, Free Enterprise.

The US wanted to be the opposite of all things Nazi, so racism had to end. During the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_only 21,000 Jews were allowed to come to US. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_expelled all persons of Japanese descent from the west coast. More than 110,000 , two thirds of them US citizens, were sent to internment camps. The Supreme Court, still weary from the court packing scandal, backed the order.

The Civil rights movement has its roots in the war. Executive order 8802 begins fair practices commission. This helped African Americans gets jobs in manufacturing and defense.

Isolationism ends, Conferences at\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Yalta, and Potsdam set up post war world. The dollar replaced the pound as the main currency. Also created the world bank and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.The US also leads in creating the UN. Became one of the five permanent members of the Security Council.

Self determination became the new ideal of the international community.

How did World War II change the role of Women in the United States?

Did the US change their policy towards isolationism? If so how?

What are the Four Freedoms? Why did FDR think they were important? Do you think they are all equally important?