

## American Home Front

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### **“Use it up, Wear it out, Make it do, or Do Without.”**

During World War II, the needs of the soldier came before the needs of the consumer on the home front. To prevent shortages of consumer goods rationing of products such as sugar, coffee, gas, shoes, meat, fish, flour, and canned goods were put into effect. Children had to go without such things as toys and sweets because of the rationing.

1. Make a list of ten things you would be willing to go without if it were necessary to support our soldiers.

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2. Write a journal entry on one of the following statements:

1. Things have really changed at our house since my dad went to fight in the war and my mom went to work at the defense plant.
2. Almost every house in the neighborhood has a blue star hanging in its window as a symbol of a loved one fighting in the war. My worst fear is.....

3. After the war, many women who had factory jobs were laid off or replaced by returning veterans. What obstacles do you think were faced by the women who wanted to continue to work outside the home?