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Fighting for a Double Victory

African Americans in WWII



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African Americans **on the Home Front** worked in defense factories, volunteered for Civil Defense jobs, and supported the war effort by buying War Bonds, scrapping metal and rubber, rationing food and growing Victory Gardens.

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