

## Reflect

Answer the Qs in the margin

How did Wilson increase the size of the Army?

In what ways did the federal government take control of the economy?

How did factories increase their output?

In what ways did men and women show their lack of support for the war?

Men:

Women:

Focus: How did the war affect Americans at home?

# Ch6.2 The Home Front

In 1917, the United States needed to increase the size of its army.

- President Wilson called for .....
- Congress passed the Selective Service Act.
- More than ..... million U.S. soldiers were sent to Europe.

The federal government took control of the wartime economy.

- The Council of National Defense created federal agencies to ..... food production, fuel distribution, and railroads.
- Bernard Baruch headed the War Industries Board (WIB), which regulated war-related businesses.
- The Food Administration, led by Herbert Hoover, set ..... for agricultural products.

The War Industries Board encouraged ..... to increase output.

- Similarly, the Food Administration encouraged farmers to produce more food.
- ..... entered the workforce to help the war effort.

The Committee on Public Information (CPI) encouraged public ..... for the war.

- Headed by George Creel, the CPI distributed millions of pamphlets and sent out thousands of press releases and speakers.
- CPI materials outlined U.S. and Allied goals and stressed the enemy's cruelty.

Not all Americans supported the war.

- The draft was controversial, and some men ..... to register for it.
- Conscientious objectors were supposed to be exempt from the draft.
- In practice, however, this exemption was widely ..... by local draft boards.

Some women also opposed the war.

- Jeannette Rankin, a pacifist and the only woman in ....., voted against the war.
- Jane ..... formed the Women's Peace Party and the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

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What were the aims of the Espionage Act and the Sedition act?

In what ways did some Americans manifest anti-German sentiment?

Why do you think that such a dis-proportionately high percentage of African Americans volunteered to fight?

The government passed laws to discourage dissent.

- The ..... Espionage Act gave postal authorities power to ban newspapers or other printed materials that could incite treason.
- In 1918, the Sedition Act outlawed ..... that went against the government or the military.
- Congress enacted laws that imposed heavy fines and prison terms on anyone who interfered with the war effort.

Support of the Allies and ..... at Germany caused a backlash against German Americans.

- Some schools stopped teaching the German language.
- People stopped listening to ..... by German composers.
- They called hamburgers “liberty steaks” and Dachshunds “liberty pups.”
- Occasionally, hatred of the German enemy boiled over into violence against German Americans.

The war presented new opportunities to African Americans.

- 367,000 African Americans ..... in the military.
- In the Great Migration, more than a million African Americans moved north, hoping to escape ..... and Jim Crow laws and find better jobs.

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SUMMARY- Summarize your notes using at least 4 complete sentences:

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