



THE NATIONAL
WWII MUSEUM
NEW ORLEANS

MANUFACTURING VICTORY

The strength and ingenuity of millions of Americans transformed the United States into the world's "arsenal of democracy." The country had to convert a depressed peacetime economy into a powerhouse, able to produce and transport the materials needed to feed and equip Allied armies across the globe. Wartime mobilization was neither simple nor painless. America's commitment to total war turned car manufacturers into bomber factories, industrialists into civil servants, and women into welders. The factory floor had to supply the equipment for victory before US troops could leave for foreign shores.



MOBILIZING THE PEOPLE



JAPAN STRIKES HAWAII, PHILIPPINES, SINGAPORE



SEARCH AND FIND V IS FOR VICTORY

When the United States entered into World War II, the letter "V" started popping up on everyday items that people used and wore! The "V" stood for Victory and gave every US citizen the ability to show off patriotism during the war. Discover how many objects the Museum has on display that has the letter "V" for Victory by visiting The Arsenal of Democracy exhibit.

SEE IF YOU CAN FIND THE FOLLOWING OBJECTS!

- Victory Washboard
- Victory Hair Pins
- Drinking Glass with "V" for Victory
- Victory Cook Book
- Porter's "Victory" Self-Raising Flour Bag
- Victory Quilt
- "V" Vase
- "Victory" Fly Swatter
- Victory Paper Plate Set
- BONUS: Find the Victory Desk Plate. What does it want you to "remember"?



GROWING STRONG ON THE HOME FRONT

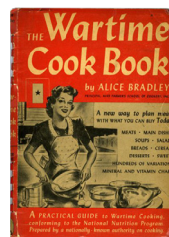
During World War II, US citizens were allowed to only buy small amounts of particular foods in order to make sure we were able to take care of our troops who were away at war. They called it rationing. Our government encouraged its people to provide more food for their families by creating victory gardens—this allowed them to grow fruits and vegetables in their yards, window flower boxes, and even in vacant lots and rooftop gardens! Millions of families started planting their own gardens!

Visit the Museum's The Arsenal of Democracy to find the following objects that were rationed and other activities that US citizens did to help the war effort.

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Ration books had stamps in them for certain rationed goods like sugar, canned goods, and meat. In order to buy these things, you would have to have the right stamp to give at the grocery store!



When growing your own food, recipes were definitely in demand. The most popular vegetables that were grown included beans, beets, cabbage, and carrots, among others!



Many US citizens helped soldiers during World War II by knitting clothing to help keep them warm. Patterns were made available for knitting such objects like socks and sweaters.



Metal was definitely needed during World War II in order to build planes, tanks, and other machines. Collecting metal or scrapping became a way that US citizens could help on the Home Front with the war effort!