

## WWII Atlas Worksheet

### Fighting the War in Pacific

Answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper.

### Class Set

Look at the map on page 90 of your *Atlas of United States History: "The War Effort at Home"*.

1. Most of the Defense industry was located in which area of the United State during WWII?
2. In which state were the atomic bombs tested?
3. Between 1930-1951, how many more women entered the work force?

Look at the maps on page 91 of your *Atlas of United States History : "Victory Over Japan"*.

4. When did the battle of Midway take place?
5. From which direction(s) did the U.S. forces advance on Japan?
6. Name the American (Allied) victories in the Pacific. Name the Japanese (Axis) victories.
7. Summarize: What does this map indicate about who was winning the war?

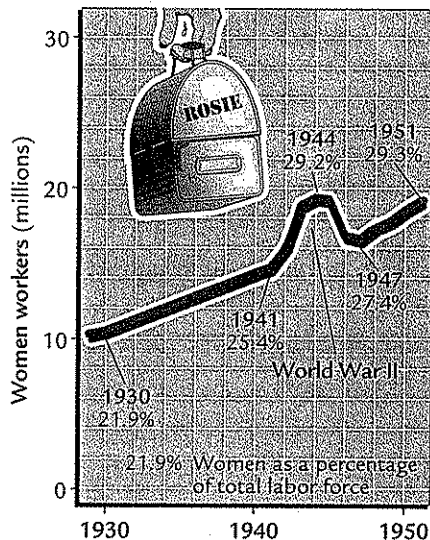
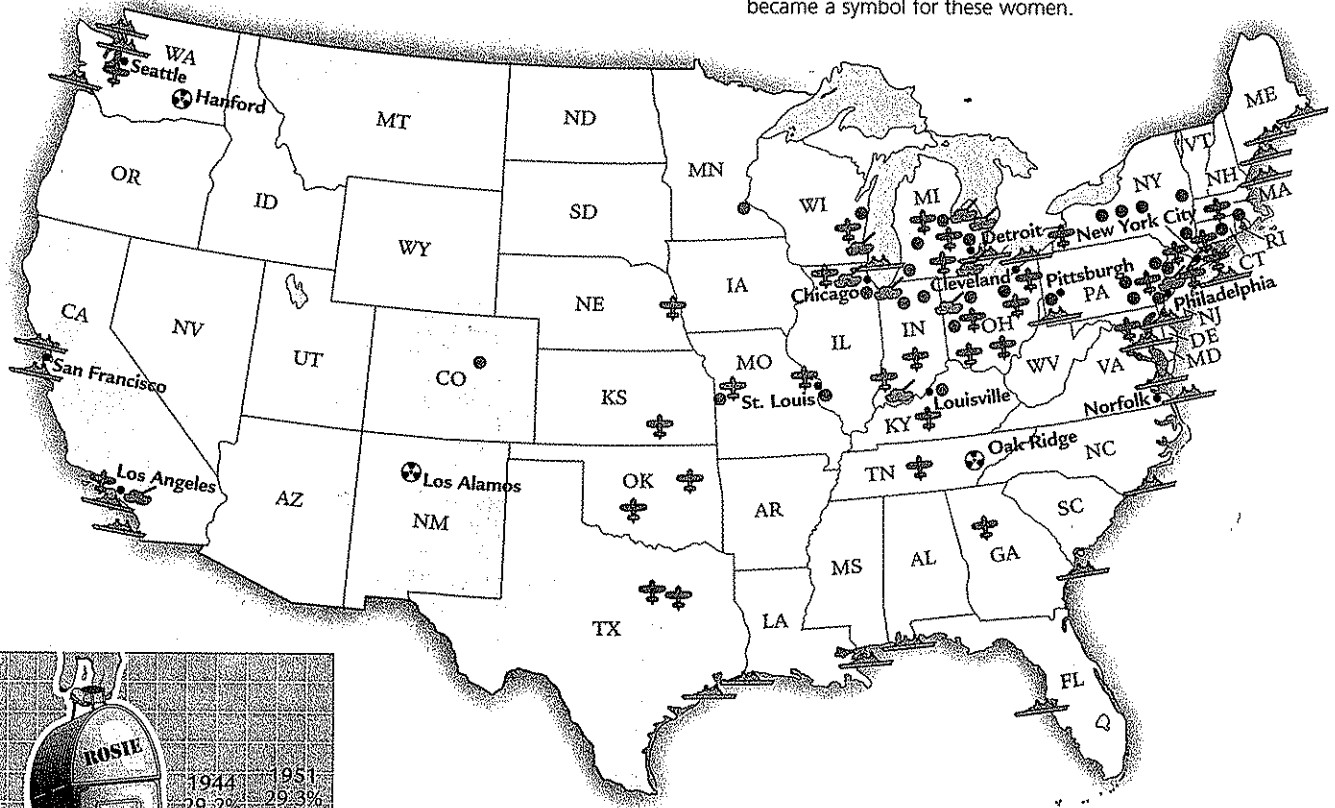
# Ending the War in the Pacific

As the land war raged in Europe, fighting intensified in the Pacific, and the war effort intensified at home.

- ★ At home, the entire country aided the war effort, which created jobs and brought the United States out of the Great Depression.
- ★ Abroad in the Pacific, aircraft carriers and U.S. Marines pushed westward toward Japan.
- ★ In August 1945, U.S. planes dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Japan soon surrendered.
- ★ Its key role in the Allied victory in World War II made the United States a *superpower*.



**A** Women filled the massive demand for workers in wartime industries. Characters like "Rosie the Riveter" became a symbol for these women.



## **C** WOMEN IN THE WORK FORCE

When millions of men joined the armed forces, millions of women stepped in to fill their jobs.

**B** In just five years, U.S. factories produced an amazing 200,000 planes, 77,000 ships, and 86,000 tanks.

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## THE WAR EFFORT AT HOME

### Defense Manufacturing

- Aircraft
- Ships, other vessels
- Tanks
- Ordnance
- Uranium, atomic bombs

