

Day 118 – Identity and World War II

Today our goal is to understand how World War II helped shape both American's national identity and group identities in the U.S. We also want to understand how identities, cultures, and values were preserved and changed in the context of World War II.

Today we will look at how the war impacted the America's African American, Hispanic, Asian, Homosexual, Jewish, Female, and Native American populations. Each member of the group will become an expert on one of these groups then the group will engage in a series of discussions where they will rank these groups by the extent to which they were impacted by the war.

Step 1: Read and annotate the passage about your group

Step 2: As a group consider this question:

Which group was most changed by their experience in the war?

Come to a consensus and rank the groups most changed to least. Individually write a paragraph in which you use historical evidence to either support the groups ranking or challenge it.

Step 3: As a group consider this question:

Which group was most positively impacted by the war?

Come to a consensus and rank the groups from most positive to least. Individually write a paragraph in which you use historical evidence to either support the groups ranking or challenge it.

Step 4: As a group consider this question:

Which group was most isolated from mainstream American society by the war?

Come to a consensus and rank the groups from most isolated to least. Individually write a paragraph in which you use historical evidence to either support the groups ranking or challenge it.

Step 5: Individually answer this essay prompt with a thesis and paragraph

The experience of World War II solidified America's national identity by more fully integrating minority and disadvantaged Americans into mainstream society. Support, refute or modify this statement.