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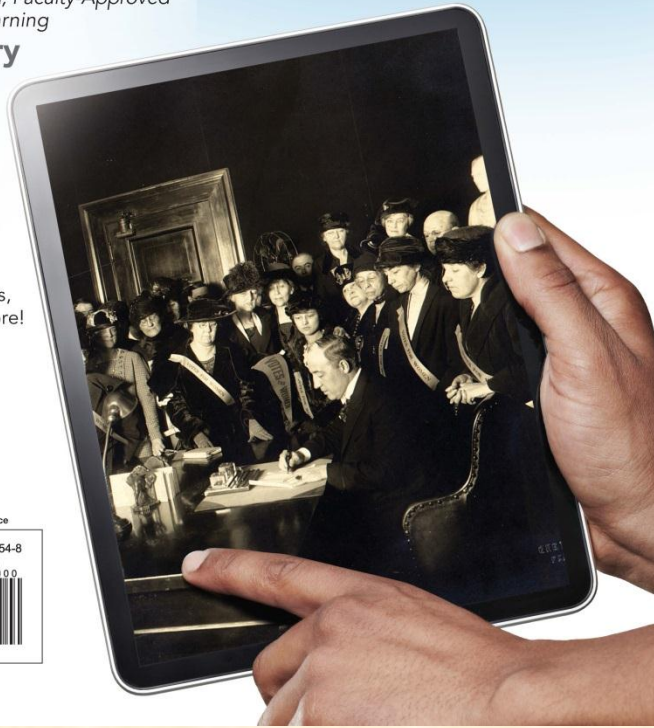
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## Chapter 23

## World War II

# We Can Do It!



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# What do **you** think?

**The Second World War can be seen as an energizing event in American history rather than a destructive one.**

*Strongly Disagree*

*Strongly Agree*

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# Causes of War

- Multiple causes of the Second World War
- The Great Depression was perhaps the most significant cause



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# Provocations

- The stock market collapse ended American investment in Europe and caused economic slowdowns there
- Adolf Hitler's National Socialist (Nazi) Party in power in Germany
- Italy under the dictatorship of Benito Mussolini
- Hitler occupied the Rhineland and German-speaking Austria
- Mussolini invaded and conquered Ethiopia and Albania
- Japan launched a full-scale invasion of China



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# Reactions

- Munich Agreement
- Nonaggression pact





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# American Foreign Policy before the War

- Americans at first tried to stay out of the war
- This became less feasible as Hitler's aggression continued

# 1930s Isolation

- Latin America
- The World's Arsenal
- *Blitzkrieg* and Doubt
- Partial Involvement



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# From Isolation to Intervention

- “America First Committee”

# Aid Short of War

- The Four Freedoms

# Conflict in the Pacific

- Japanese forces occupied the French colony of Indochina
- December 7, 1941, Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, killed 2,403 Americans
- Japan launched offensives against the Philippines, Guam, Midway Island, Hong Kong and Malaysia
- U.S. declared war on Japan; Germany declared war on the U.S.





# The War

- Grand Alliance



"AND HOW ARE WE FEELING TO-DAY?"

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# The Alliance

- Four policemen

# The Pacific Theater, 1941– 1942

- American troops fought their first battles of the war in the Pacific
- American forces suffered defeats early on in the Philippines, the Wake Islands, and near Australia
- Japanese suffered a decisive defeat at Midway

# The European Theater, 1942– 1943

- Turning Points: 1943
- The Tehran Conference

# 1944: Victory in View

- Normandy



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# The American Home Front

- World War II destructive war
  - 23 million Soviets
  - 62 million total killed
  - Hitler annihilated 6 million Jews in concentration camps
  - 400,000 Americans died and millions were injured
- The war had a transformative effect on the American home front

# The War Economy

- Manufacturing for War
- Labor
- Paying for War



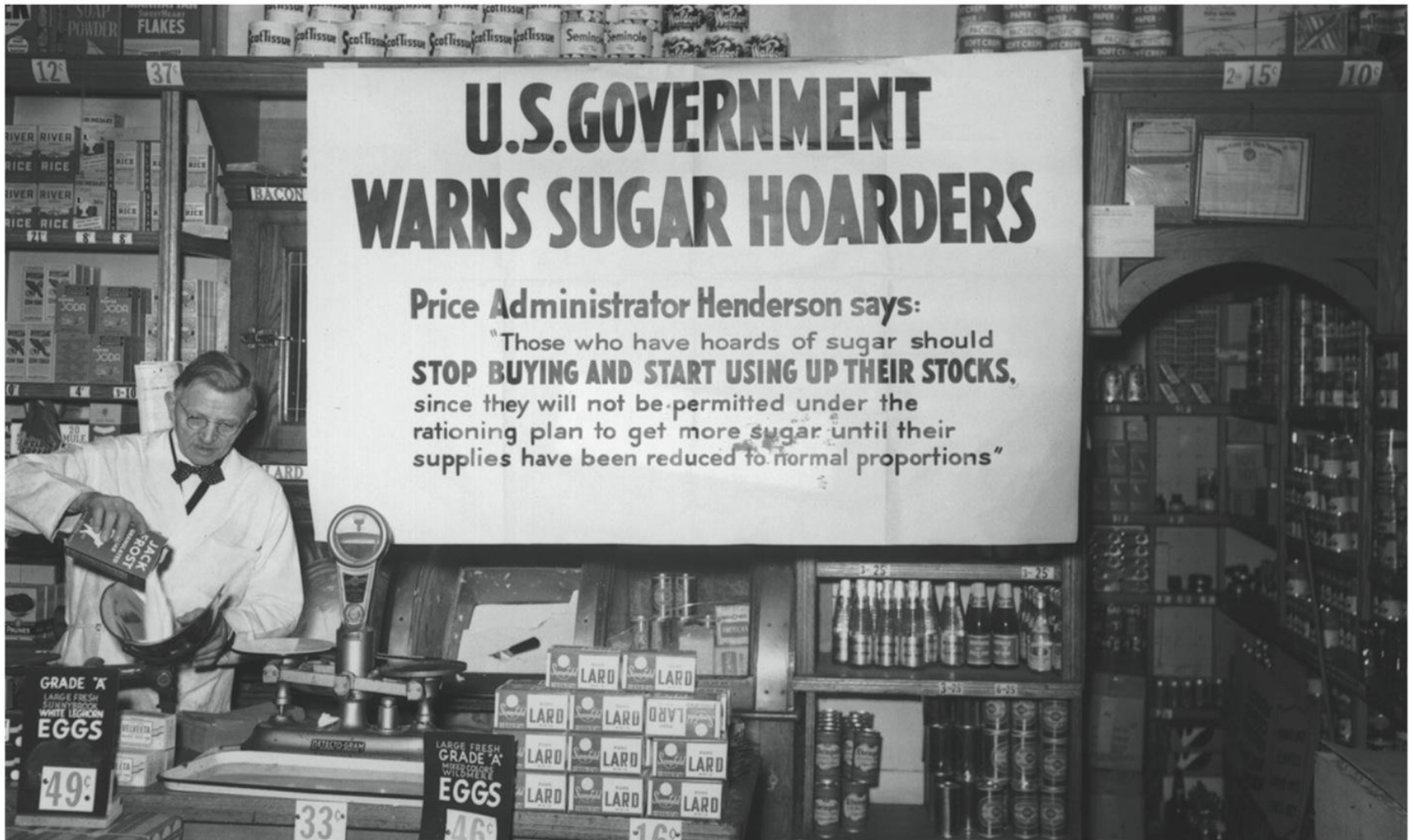
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**Map 23.2.** The Final Assault Against Japan



# Opportunities

- Women
- African Americans
- Hispanics
- Japanese Americans
- The GI Bill





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# Demographic Shifts

- The West
- The South
- The Midwest



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# Leisure in Wartime

- Women's baseball leagues
- Jazz



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# A World Remade, 1945

- By late 1944, the war was nearing its end

# Germany's Last Stand

- Yalta





# Final Moves

- The Potsdam Conference

# Defeat of Japan

- Iwo Jima and Okinawa
- Hiroshima and Nagasaki

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## What else was happening . . .

- 1940** Bugs Bunny debuts in “A Wild Hare.”
- 1940** M&Ms® are launched in military ration packs.
- 1944** During the great Barnum & Bailey circus fire, the band begins to play “The Stars and Stripes Forever,” the circus disaster march, to alert the performers that the situation is serious and not part of the show.
- 1944** British-born war evacuee Elizabeth Taylor stars in *National Velvet*, filmed in California.