The Effect of War on Life at Home

Home Life

Families cut back on consumption of both luxuries & necessities; kept victory gardens; canned own food; had nightime blackouts.

Music & Movies

Movie stars sold war bonds & entertained troops; movies told war stories; music captured the harsh reality of the war; "God Bless America" became the unofficial national anthem.

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Labor

Women replaced men that went to war in jobs at all levels; minorities moved into better jobs but faced dicrimination; discrimination led to laws banning it for work done on war contracts.

Literature

Nonfiction books became more popular than works of fiction; paperback books arose in response to rationing and distribution to soldiers overseas.