

*Create Your Own*

# PROPAGANDA POSTERS

SLGHS WWII Homefront Program Activity



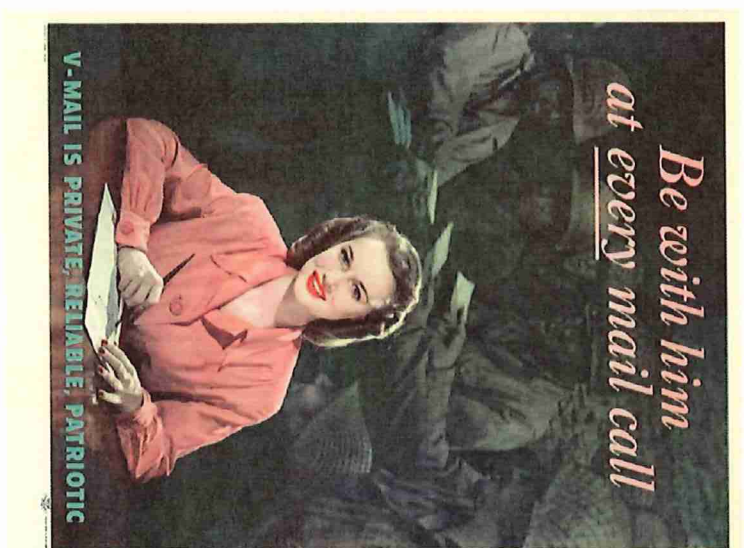
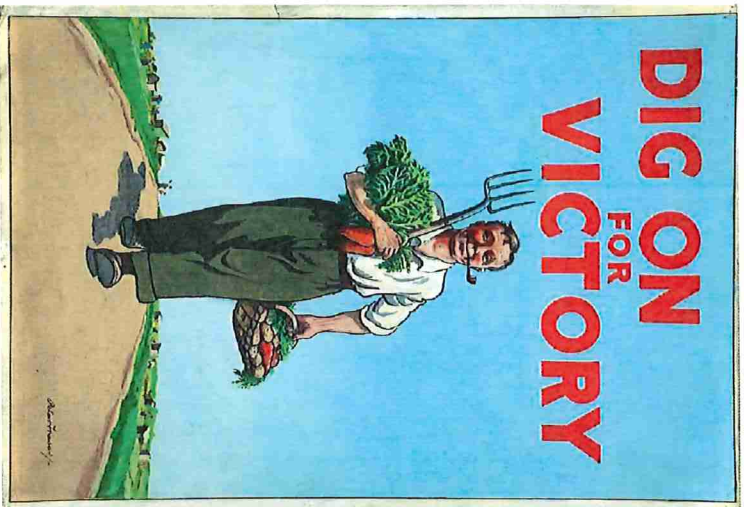
# What is propaganda?

**Propaganda** was a form of media commonly used during World War II to influence individuals and communities to think and act a certain way. In Nazi Germany, propaganda was often used to spread fear and misinformation to promote Hitler's biased and harmful ideologies. In the United States, however, propaganda was often used in a positive manner to encourage individuals and communities to contribute to the war effort in any way that they could, whether it be by planting a Victory garden, buying war stamps/bonds, or gathering scrap materials to donate.

During WWII, propaganda was presented to the public in a variety of forms, including short films, radio advertisements, and posters.



# WWII-Era Propaganda Posters

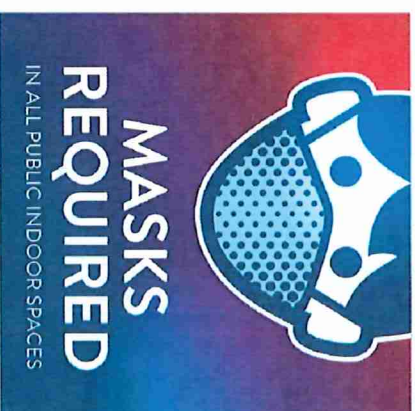




# Modern Propaganda

Today, propaganda-style advertisements are still used to encourage people to do certain things or think a certain way. Some examples include political advertisements to promote a candidate or protest signs.

More recently, propaganda has played an influential role in countries across the world during the COVID-19 pandemic. Advertisements and posters like those pictured here have been used to encourage individuals and communities to do their part in helping to stop the spread of the virus and protect others.



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# Create your own WWII-era propaganda poster!

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Imagine you're a student living on the homefront during World War II. You have friends and family members fighting overseas, and you want to do your part in aiding in the war effort from home. You've planted a Victory garden with your family and written countless letters to your loved ones serving overseas. Now, it's time to encourage your friends and community to do the same!

## *If completing this activity online:*



On the next slides, drag and drop the clipart images onto the provided background image to create your own WWII-era propaganda poster. Feel free to copy and paste your own images onto the poster. For inspiration, refer back to the slide of example posters.

## *If completing this activity off-line:*



Grab a piece of paper, pencil/pen, and coloring utensils and draw your own WWII-era propaganda poster. For inspiration, refer back to the slide of example posters.

# Victory Garden Propaganda Poster

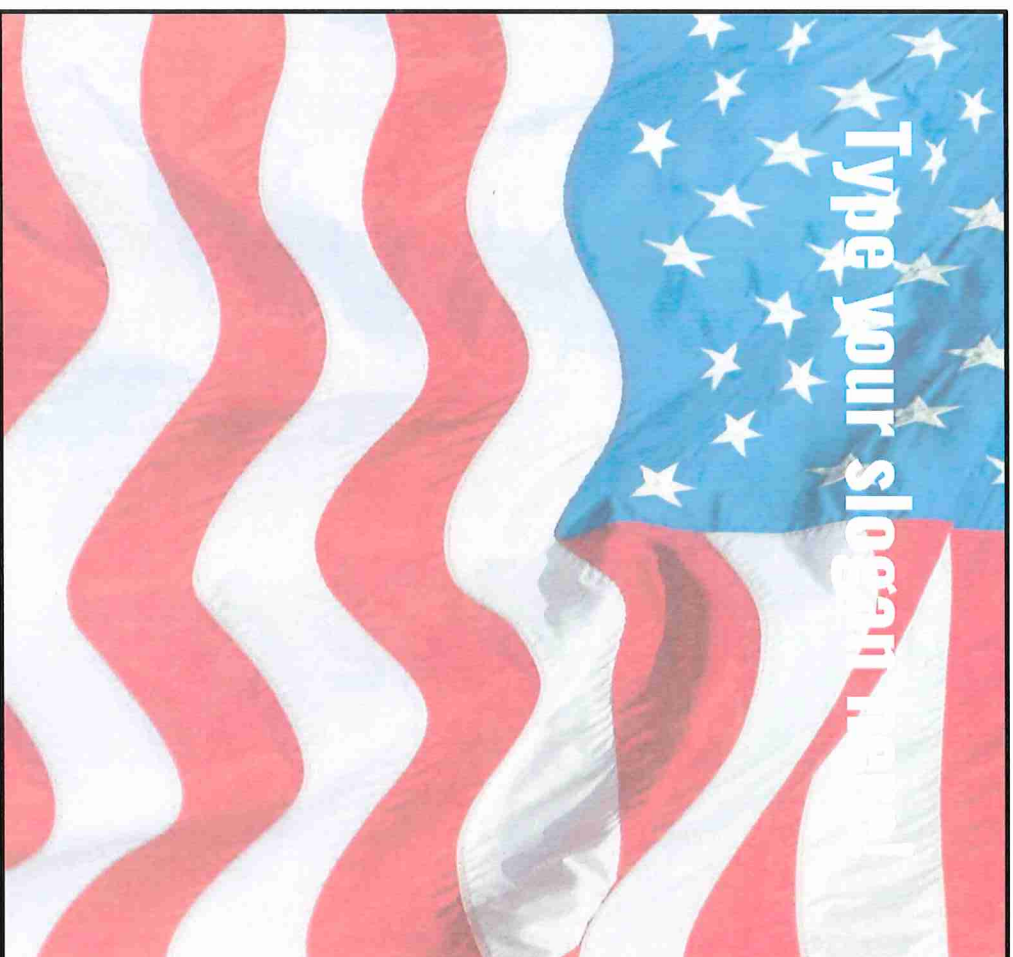
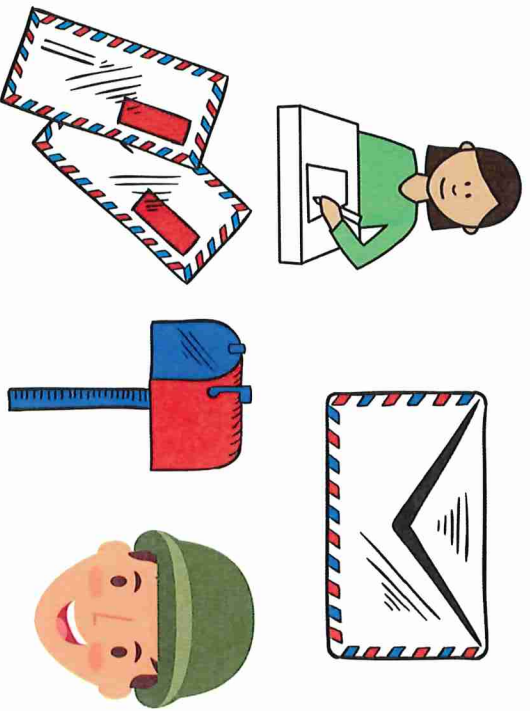
Drag, drop, and resize the clipart images below to create your own digital propaganda poster! Use the provided text box to add a slogan to your poster such as "Dig on for Victory!" or "Plant a Victory Garden today!"





# Victory Mail (V-Mail) Propaganda Poster

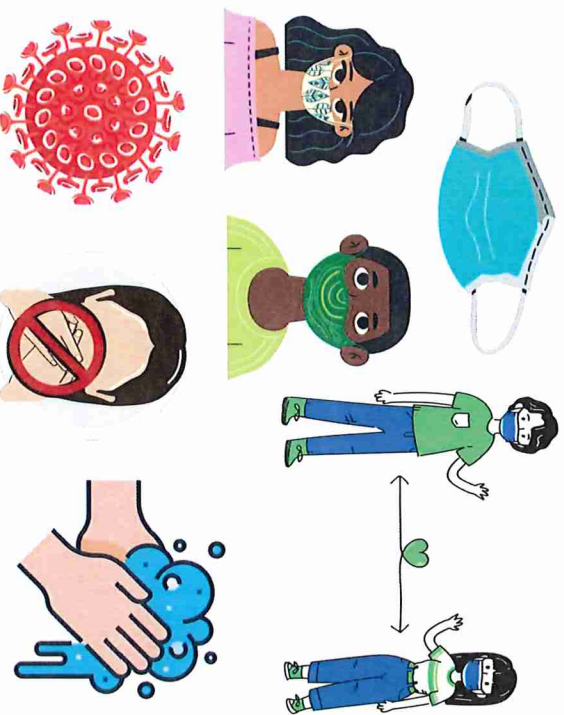
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# COVID-19

## Propaganda Poster

Drag, drop, and resize the clipart images below to create your own digital propaganda poster! Use the provided text box to add a slogan to your poster such as "Mask Up!" or "Help Stop the Spread!"



Type your slogan here!