

# MEDIA IN WWII

In a time without TV, these media sources became key in connecting the Americans at home with those on the front lines, as well as, promoting unity, war bonds, enlistments, victory gardens, and other wartime needs.



## NEWSPAPERS

Journalists at home kept Americans apprised of big war moments and movements, while journalists overseas wrote their first-hand accounts of the war and soldiers they had met along the way.



## RADIO

Three times a day, the war was brought into families' living rooms with radio broadcasts. President Roosevelt used the radio to personally speak with Americans about the war in what are known as "[Fireside Chats.](#)"



## NEWSREELS

Short films were shown in movie theaters every week to keep the public updated on the war's progress.



## PROPAGANDA

Propaganda was used to persuade people to act or believe in a certain way such as aiding the Allied cause in WWII. In addition to propaganda posters being hung all across America, propaganda could also be found in all of the above media sources for the common cause of uniting together to win the war.



# NEWSPAPERS

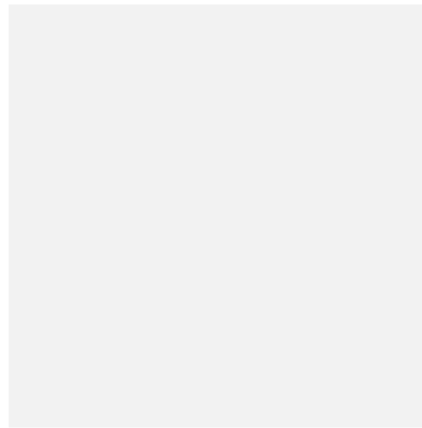
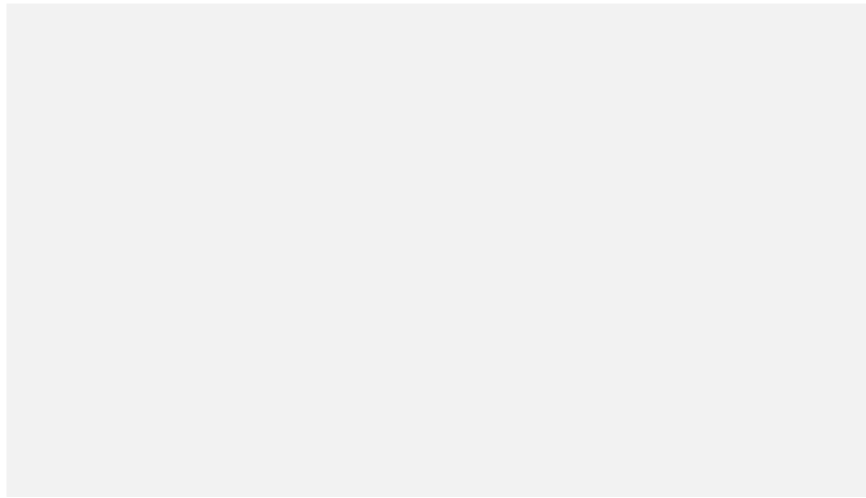
Create your own WWII newspaper below! Or create a newspaper about what's going on in your life today, given the changes caused by COVID - 19.



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# RADIO OR NEWSREEL?



## Challenge

1. Build a model of a WWII-style radio with materials found around your home and create a radio broadcast about an event from WWII or your life today to play in your radio.



2. Film a short newsreel about an event from WWII or events occurring in the world today. Include interviews from family members and encouraging words for the war effort or the effort to support those who are helping with the COVID-19 pandemic.
3. Re-enact a "Fireside Chat" from President Roosevelt, or make it your own. Include the common components of his chats such as the following:
  - a. President Roosevelt would normally begin with, "My Friends," or "My fellow Americans."
  - b. He would keep the broadcast informal, as if it was a personal conversation, using the pronouns "I" and "you."
  - c. His speeches would end with the national anthem.
4. Create a short newsreel specifically designed to encourage men on the front lines or to encourage Americans to do their part at home focusing on victory gardens, war bonds, scrap metal drives, factory production, or rationing!