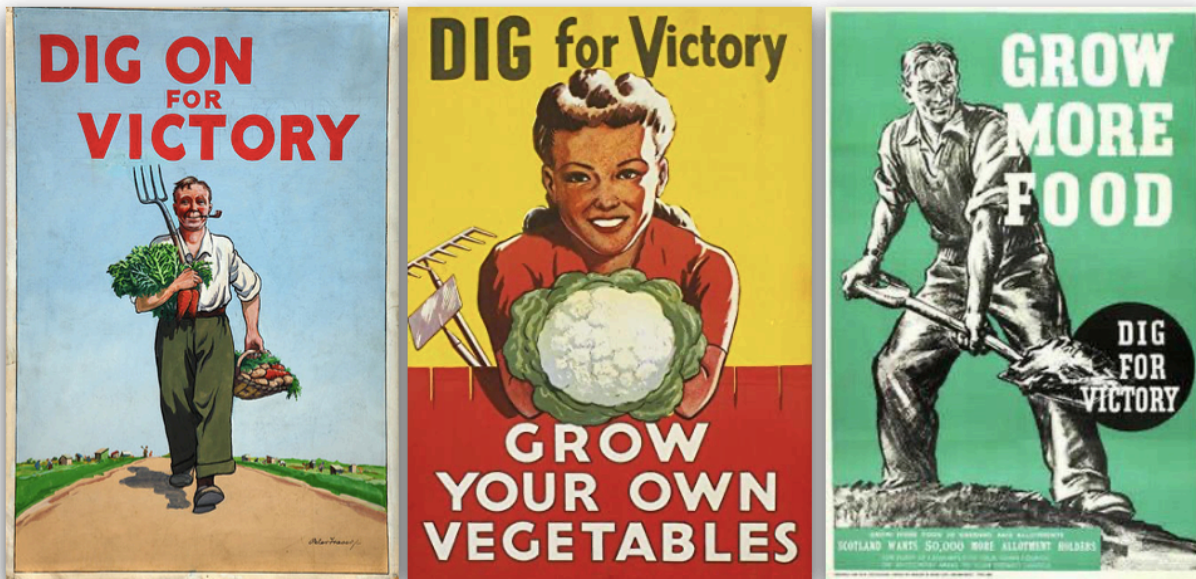




VICTORY GARDENS

Lesson and Activity Suggestions for Middle Schoolers

Victory in the Garden



Dig for Victory

The Victory Garden was an essential way to do your part during a time where so many were putting their very lives on the line to fight for our country. The U.S. Office of Civil Defense produced lots of posters, ads, and guidebooks to encourage Americans to “Dig for Victory.” Many films like, “The Gardens of Victory” were also created to inspire and educate at the same time. They would be shown before a movie starts at the theater, like a preview. Use the link to pull up the video, or search “The Gardens of Victory” on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uBg1ND5X3tA>. Answer the questions below while you watch.



Close Listening Questions

1. Why is food considered a “weapon” of war?
2. What are some similarities you see between then and now?
3. What kinds of public service announcements are you seeing today, that are meant to inspire people to help during the pandemic?

Analyzing Victory Garden Campaign Ads



1. What is taking place in the advertisement?
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Recreating History

Many American have taken on the "Getty Museum Challenge" to recreate a work of art during this time of quarantine. The results are so creative and often hilarious! (Not sure that what it? Just Google it.). We want to continue that idea by challenging you to recreate one of the World War II era Victory Garden posters, ads, ect. Using yourself, your family, your pets, or whatever props you have at home. If you you like to see more examples for inspiration, just Google "World War II Victory Garden posters." Below are some examples our IKEducation staff created.



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