

Hollywood Goes to War!

A Virtual Gallery walk experiencing the movies and the war effort. Hollywood helped out the war effort in several ways. It served to produce new reels that brought the war to people's home towns, it served to dish out propaganda during the war, and stars of Hollywood even joined the fight.

News Reels!

Watch: https://youtu.be/Z1VT2K_nuIA?si=lkuvx20JOLqmpSaB (first 5 minutes only)

Respond: How specifically does the wording of this news reel serve to move the audience emotionally against the Japanese and craft the narrative to seem as if the attack was almost a Japanese failure?

Watch: https://youtu.be/syhO_EvNKSg?si=3-cKpjaVYHZqNFHo

Respond: Again specifically how are the Japanese and Americans referenced in the selection of clips on the Battle of Okinawa, and how does that paint the narrative of the war? The USS Franklin clips guide the viewer to what type of viewpoints about the American Navy?

Hollywood Stars Encouraging Joining Up!

Watch: <https://youtu.be/yFxFsN-4MpE?si=z--1-bX80gSV9R0i>

Respond: How would seeing these stars in the military encourage young men to enlist?

Home Front Propaganda!

Watch: https://youtu.be/KAh_H1LFZbs?si=5Uzr6_m3o9T8Yor7

Respond: How is the word choice and descriptions of the home front farmers and their crops reflective of military sacrifice and victories?

Watch: <https://youtu.be/61zsaPRB2bl?si=D1YZLS5jr2eftIkO>

Watch: <https://youtu.be/rVtB6afVg9A?si=EnGzlsktiXsfxXQw>

Respond: Clearly, stereotypes are at play here. What characteristics are demonstrated in these cartoons for the enemy?

The Movies of WWII

Watch: <https://youtu.be/UALN2w5cr2k?si=fIZNBAEgnCJILu1W&t=5686>

(this should be "The Purple Heart" at 1:34:46 - watch until the end)

Respond: This movie (from 1944) is corny as can be, and super overplays the "villain" nature of the Japanese (conveniently played here by mostly Chinese-American actors). Nominally it's about a corrupt trial for murder of a U.S. Bomber crew, but really it's just a vehicle to compare virtues and values of cultures. How does this ending of the film serve to promote the war effort and American values?