



## **2. Writing Your WWII Home Front Story**

**Please print or type your story on a separate sheet**

We are interested in all home front (civilian) stories including children, homemakers, civilian workers and volunteers. Note: Military stories should be submitted to the Veteran's History Project at the Library of Congress.

Use the following list of suggested topics and questions to help write your home front story. Please feel free to add anything you think is important.

Background Information (Pre-war years):

- Origins, Education, Family, Marital Status, Children, Work.

Home Front Life (1941-1945):

- Living Conditions, Social Activities, Other Family Members
- Shortages, Rationing, Recycling and Victory Gardens
- Health Care, Child Care
- Civil Defense

Home Front Work (1941-1945):

- Work locations, training, job title, and type of work
- Achievements, Union Activities, Work Friendships
- Changes to your Lifestyle and Income, Transportation
- What did you like and dislike about it
- Family and friends in the service or doing war work

Postwar Experiences (1945 – present)

- Experiences on V-J Day? And V-E Day
- Your Job after the War
- Changes the War made in your Life

Other questions to consider:

- Did you live with family, friends, or coworkers?
- Were you or others in your community treated in a special way because of your gender/ethnicity/race or other factors? If so, please describe.
- Tell us about corresponding with friends or family in military service.
- What were the social opportunities during the war?
- What was your most memorable experience? Most memorable character? Most humorous experience?