

War Poster Analysis

Name _____

Hour ____ Date _____

1. What is your immediate reaction upon seeing this poster for the first time? Appealing? Shocking? What emotions (if any) does it bring forth in you? Explain _____

2. Which country created this poster? _____ for which war? _____
3. Is the government agency or private corporation that created this poster mentioned? __yes __no
If yes, which one? _____
4. What colors are mainly used? _____ Do these colors have symbolic value? __yes __no If yes, describe _____

5. Describe any symbols used in the poster and explain what each one represents:
 - _____ - _____
 - _____ - _____
 - _____ - _____
6. Are any slogans or phrases included? __yes __no If yes, explain _____

7. What are the main messages of this poster? Is it: (check all that apply)
__ seeking your support for soldiers and sailors? __ asking you to do your part on the home front?
__ intending to stir up negative feelings toward the enemy soldier and nation?
__ other _____
8. Describe how the poster brings out the message(s). Illustrations? Colors? Symbols? Words?

9. As a result of seeing this poster, what action do you think the poster's creator hopes you will take?

10. In your judgement, is this a good war propaganda poster? Why or why not? Does it get its message across clearly? Is it appealing? Easy to understand? _____

Activities:

1. Assume that you are a citizen of the nation that produced this war poster. In a paragraph, describe how you could improve it.
2. Describe or lay out a new poster for your nation's war effort, using the main theme or message contained in this one.
3. Take the role of the other person/nation against whom this war poster is aimed. Develop a poster to counteract the messages(s) contained in this one.