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**WORLD WAR II
AKRON**
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Discussion Questions

1. Why did America start the first peacetime draft in American History in October of 1940? Who was the United States preparing to fight?
2. At least 192 Akron fathers were killed in action. When America began drafting fathers in 1943, what was the age range?
3. The draft age was lowered to 18 for the first time in the 20th century in early 1943. Why was this controversial? What are some of the ways the draft affected young Ohioans?
4. Around 12% of American soldiers died in the United States during WWII. What was the most common cause of death?
5. Everyone was encouraged to help the war effort, even in small ways. What were some of the small ways that Ohioans contributed to the war effort?
6. Akron is well-known for being home to the Goodyear blimp. What were they used for during WWII? In what other ways did Akron uniquely contribute to the war effort?
7. How did WWII affect Akron's economy?