# Character 1

I am Tom Smith. I enlisted in the Army when I was 23 and served in the trenches of France during World War I. I remember fighting the Huns. Life since then has been tough with the Depression and all. I’ve watched Hitler come to power and start this horrid war. How will the United States fight in this war?

# Character 2

I am Walter Jefferson, an African American. I was part of the Great Migration during World War I. I moved from South Carolina to New York City to get a better job. My life improved a little bit, but there is still a lot of racism that I experience. I wonder why we are fighting against Hitler’s racism, but don’t acknowledge the racism here in the United States?

# Character 3

I am Maria Rodriguez. I left Mexico during the time of the Mexican Revolution in 1910 to come to the United States to escape the problems in Mexico and make a better life for my family. Even though I am here legally, I was concerned during the Great Depression that I would be “repatriated” (deported) to Mexico like so many other Mexicans. What changes will the war bring to my life and to my family?

# Character 4

I am Florence Jennings. I fought for the right for women to vote during the Progressive Era. I remember the 1920s fondly. Dancing to jazz, driving in my Model T, and voting were all part of my experiences then. Being a wife and mother during the Great Depression was difficult. How will the war change the life of women in the United States?

# Character 5

I am John Kawasaki, a Nisei or second generation Japanese American. I was born in the United States, but I am being treated as if I am a criminal. The United States government has locked me up in an internment camp because they think I am a threat to national security. What will happen to me and my family during the war?

# Character 6

I am George Baker. I just reported for duty in the Army. I am glad to serve - I don’t think I will ever forget the anger I felt when I heard about the attack on Pearl Harbor. I am also glad that I now have a job - as a young man during the Great Depression, it was hard to find work. How will the United States support me during the war?