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Create a Propaganda Poster

Grades: 3 rd -12 th grade and beyond* *coloring sheets are for all ages!

Background

Propaganda posters came about in World War I as a way to gain the interest of national populations on the needs of the cause. Every country in both the Allied and Central Powers during World War I produced propaganda to be placed in stores, businesses and on street corners. These posters pushed for government financial aid, military aid, rationing techniques, job reinforcement and more. In the United States, the most common group of poster makers were hired by the United War Work Campaign to promote enlistment, the buying of War Bonds and the push for appreciation of rationing. These posters were successful in promoting the needs of the war and gaining the approval of the American people in the form of patriotism.

Materials Needed:

WWI Propaganda Poster Examples WWI Propaganda Poster coloring sheets Paper Your medium of choice: Paint, pencils, markers, crayons or colored pencils

Activity:

Look at the examples of the most famous propaganda posters from World War I and choose your favorite. Then, color one of the posters available or consider creating you own for a cause you support. Your poster should include the following elements:

- A slogan for your cause
- An image to go with your slogan
- The organization attached to your cause
- A direction or two on how to support your cause

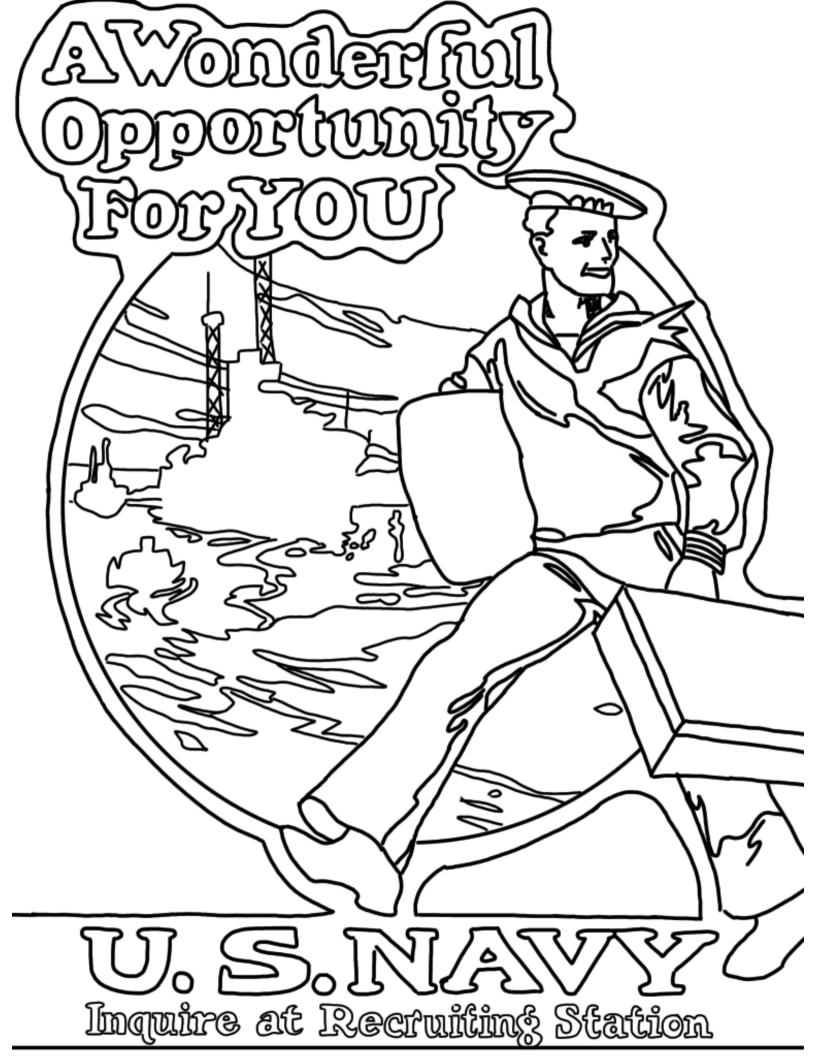














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