

## Propaganda

**Directions:** Analyze the following propaganda posters and cartoons. After viewing the posters and cartoons, answer the following questions.

1. "Warning Our Homes Are In Danger Now"



- i. Who is being portrayed in this image and how?

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- ii. What is the message being conveyed by this poster?

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- iii. Do you think the portrayal of the Japanese empire was detrimental towards Japanese Americans? Why or why not?

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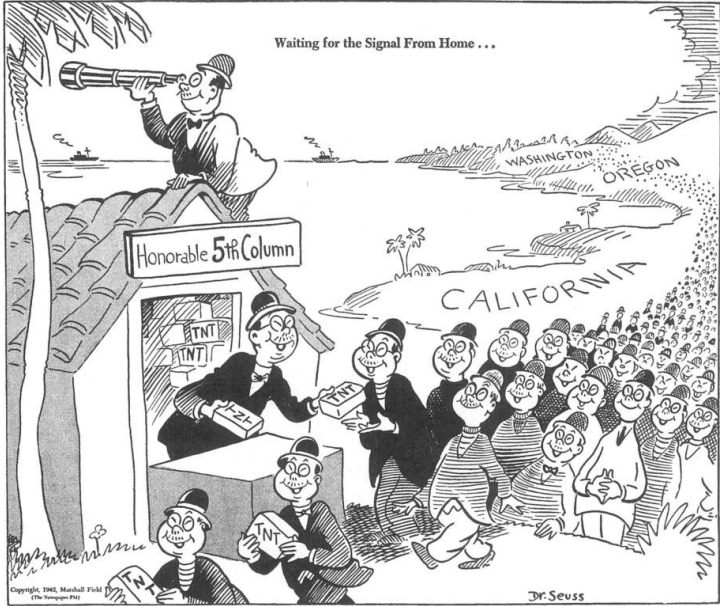
- iv. Is this poster an example of propaganda? Explain.

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2. "Waiting for the Signal From Home, February 13, 1942"



i. Who is being portrayed in this cartoon and how are they portrayed?

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ii. After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Frank Knox (Secretary of the Navy) stated "I think the most effective Fifth Column work of the entire war was done in Hawaii with the exception of Norway." Later, columnist Walter Lippmann released an article entitled "The Fifth Column on the Coast" claiming that Japanese Americans on the west coast were working to sabotage the US from within. Based on these claims and the political cartoon shown above, what is the 5th column?

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iii. Why are Japanese Americans being called this?

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iv. Is this political cartoon an example of propaganda? Explain.

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3. Based on the two propaganda posters above, what can we infer about general feelings towards Japanese Americans? Do you think they aided in the acceptance of the forced removal of Japanese Americans?

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4. Read the front page from *The Pacific Citizen*, a newspaper published by the Japanese American Citizen League. [The Pacific Citizen. July 23, 1942](#)

i. What makes this newspaper different from the government posters and political cartoons in this worksheet?

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ii. Is this target audience different? Briefly explain.

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iii. Do you think the information from this newspaper is more accurate than posters and political cartoons? Explain.

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iv. Is this an example of propaganda? Explain your answer.

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