

Florida at War

Read how Florida supported the United States during World War II.

SS.4.A.7.3 "Identify Florida's role in World War II."

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each sentence that tells a way Florida helped the war effort, then number the different roles you find 1, 2, 3, and so on.

Florida's World War II Roles

- ① During World War II, Florida became an important place for military training. Its warm weather allowed practice during much of the year. Army soldiers, Navy sailors, and Army Air Forces pilots trained at camps and airfields across the state. At places such as Camp Blanding near Starke, troops learned skills before leaving for duty in other parts of the United States or overseas.
- ② Florida's long coastline also became part of the war zone. In 1942, German submarines sank merchant ships in waters near Florida. Navy and Coast Guard crews patrolled the coast, while aircraft searched for submarines. Some coastal communities used blackout rules at night. Dark beaches made it harder for submarine crews to see ships traveling near shore.
- ③ Floridians supported the war in many ways beyond military service. Farmers raised food, including citrus, for people in the armed forces. Workers at shipyards in cities such as Jacksonville and Tampa built and repaired ships. Women took jobs that helped the war effort, and many families bought war bonds. Florida's training, coast defense, food, and workers all aided the United States.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 How did Florida's warm weather help the United States military during World War II?

2 Name two groups of people who trained in Florida.

3 What danger did German submarines create near Florida, and how did the United States respond?

4 What are two ways Florida civilians supported the war effort?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write exactly three sentences explaining two different roles Florida played in World War II. In one sentence, explain how one of those roles helped the United States.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each sentence that tells a way Florida helped the war effort, then number the different roles you find 1, 2, 3, and so on. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How did Florida's warm weather help the United States military during World War II?	It allowed military personnel to train during much of the year.
2	Name two groups of people who trained in Florida.	Any two: Army soldiers, Navy sailors, or Army Air Forces pilots.
3	What danger did German submarines create near Florida, and how did the United States respond?	German submarines sank merchant ships. Navy and Coast Guard crews patrolled the coast, aircraft searched for submarines, and some communities used blackout rules.
4	What are two ways Florida civilians supported the war effort?	Any two: farmers raised food and citrus, shipyard workers built or repaired ships, women took war-related jobs, or families bought war bonds.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Florida trained soldiers and pilots at camps and airfields. Its Navy, Coast Guard, and aircraft protected ships from German submarines near the coast. Training helped the United States send prepared service members to fight.

Accept accurate roles from the passage, including military training, coast defense, food production, shipyard work, war-related jobs, and war bond purchases. For the open response, check for exactly three sentences, two Florida roles, and a clear explanation of how one role helped the United States.