

Virginia at War

How leaders, citizens, and veterans served during two world wars.

VS.10 "The student will apply history and social science skills to understand the role Virginians played in American history during World War I and World War II by a. examining how key leaders and citizens prepared for wartime; and b..."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline three details that show leaders or citizens preparing for war, and circle two details that show a veteran's contribution or Medal of Honor recognition.

Virginia Prepares and Serves

- ① When the United States entered World War I in 1917, President Woodrow Wilson led the nation. Wilson was born in Staunton, Virginia. In Virginia, Camp Lee opened near Petersburg to train soldiers. Citizens prepared too. They bought Liberty Bonds, saved food, and volunteered with the Red Cross. These actions raised money, conserved supplies, and helped care for soldiers.
- ② During World War II, General George C. Marshall helped the United States prepare its armed forces. Marshall had studied at Virginia Military Institute in Lexington. As Army chief of staff, he helped organize troops and supplies for a much larger army. At home, Virginians collected scrap metal, followed ration rules, and worked in factories and shipyards, including Newport News.
- ③ Military veterans are people who have served in the armed forces. Desmond T. Doss of Lynchburg served as an Army medic during World War II. He did not carry a weapon because of his beliefs. At Hacksaw Ridge in Okinawa, he repeatedly carried wounded soldiers to safety. He received the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest military award, for his bravery.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 How did Camp Lee and Liberty Bonds help Virginia prepare for World War I?

2 What did General George C. Marshall organize, and how did that help prepare the United States?

3 Name two ways Virginians at home helped during World War II. How did these actions support the war effort?

4 What did Desmond T. Doss do at Hacksaw Ridge, and why did he receive the Medal of Honor?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write a four-sentence plan for a Virginia community that is preparing to support troops during wartime. Name one preparation action used in either war, propose one additional way citizens could help, and explain how honoring a brave veteran can teach the community about service.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline three details that show leaders or citizens preparing for war, and circle two details that show a veteran's contribution or Medal of Honor recognition. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How did Camp Lee and Liberty Bonds help Virginia prepare for World War I?	Camp Lee trained soldiers. Liberty Bonds raised money for the war.
2	What did General George C. Marshall organize, and how did that help prepare the United States?	He helped organize troops and supplies for a much larger army.
3	Name two ways Virginians at home helped during World War II. How did these actions support the war effort?	Answers include collecting scrap metal, following ration rules, and working in factories or shipyards. These actions provided needed materials, saved supplies, or made goods for the war effort.
4	What did Desmond T. Doss do at Hacksaw Ridge, and why did he receive the Medal of Honor?	He repeatedly carried wounded soldiers to safety. He received the Medal of Honor for his bravery.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Our community can collect scrap metal, as Virginians did during World War II. We could also write letters and pack useful items for service members. We will honor veterans by sharing stories about their service at the library. Learning about a medic who rescued wounded soldiers shows that courage can save lives.

Accept any two World War II citizen actions named in the passage and a reasonable explanation of how they helped. For the open response, look for four sentences that include a historical preparation action, a reasonable new community action, and a connection between honoring veterans and learning about service.