



See:

What do you see?

Woman making a pledge

What details stand out?

Her hair style and way of dress shows that this is old.

Think:

What do you think is going on?

She is promising to follow the rules of the rations during the war.

What makes you say that?

The pledge that is written at the bottom.

Wonder:

What does this make you wonder?

I wonder how much food they actually got.

What broader questions does this image raise for you?

Did people try to price gouge? Was there a black market for goods?



See:

What do you see?

A cartoon of lady liberty.

What details stand out?

Her flag dress.

Think:

What do you think is going on?

She is trying to get Americans to stick to the rations.

What makes you say that?

The words on the bottom.

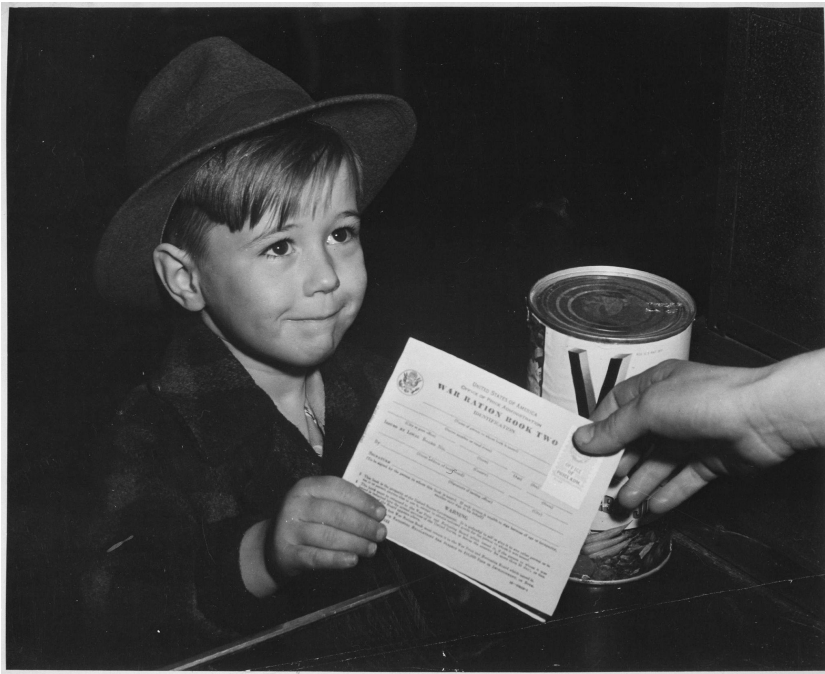
Wonder:

What does this make you wonder?

Did people get angry with the government about the rations?

What broader questions does this image raise for you?

Were people on different sides of the issue like in today's politics?



See:

What do you see?

A little boy in a cute hat.

What details stand out?

The “V” on the can; Age of the boy; paper card

Think:

What do you think is going on?

The little boy is buying good using rations.

What makes you say that?

The picture of what he is handing off with the can in the background.

Wonder:

What does this make you wonder?

If people liked the picture and it changed their attitude towards rations.

What broader questions does this image raise for you?

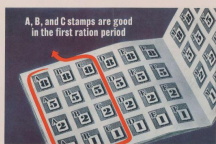
How many people complained that the rations were too hard to use.

HOW TO SHOP WITH WAR RATION BOOK TWO

... to Buy Canned, Bottled and Frozen Fruits and Vegetables;
Dried Fruits, Juices and all Canned Soups



1. USE THIS RATION BOOK. You may use one or all of your family's ration books when you shop. You may not shop with home ration stamps.



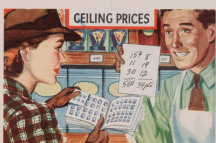
2. USE BLUE STAMPS ONLY. All blue point stamps marked A, B, and C are good during the first ration period. They add up to 48 points for each member of the family.



3. THE NUMBERS SHOW POINTS. You will not be able to get "change" in point stamps, so save your low-value stamps for buying low-point foods.



4. LOOK AT THE POINT VALUES before you buy. Points have nothing to do with price or quality. Point values will be the same in all stores.



5. GIVE THE STAMPS TO YOUR GROCER. Tear out stamps in the presence of your grocer—or tear them out in the presence of the delivery boy.



6. FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES are not rationed. Use them instead of rationed foods whenever possible. Try out recipes that make your rations go farther.

YOUR POINT ALLOWANCE MUST LAST FOR THE FULL RATION PERIOD

Plan How Many Points You Will Use Each Time Before You Shop



Foods are going to our fighting men. They come first! Your ration gives you your fair share of the foods that are left.



See:

What do you see?

Instructions to use ration books

What details stand out?

That they say buy early in the day and the week

Think:

What do you think is going on?

They are explaining to people how to use the ration book.

What makes you say that?

It says to plan ahead to make them last

Wonder:

What does this make you wonder?

If people planned well, could people still get what they wanted?

What broader questions does this image raise for you?

Would people support a program like this today to help the country?

A WAR MESSAGE

Stamp out
**BLACK
MARKETS**
with your
Ration
Stamps

See:

What do you see?

A war message

What details stand out?

The Black Market was a problem

Think:

What do you think is going on?

They are trying to convince people to use rations

What makes you say that?

The words on the flyer

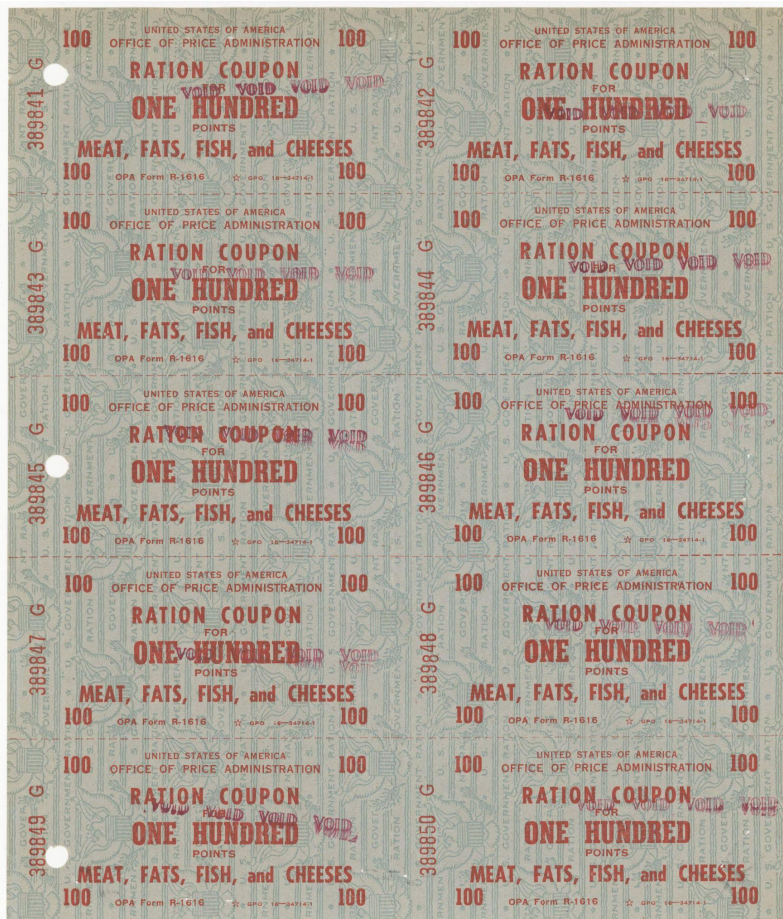
Wonder:

What does this make you wonder?

How bad was the black market?

What broader questions does this image raise for you?

What was the punishment to using the black market?



Source: NARA <https://docsteach.org/documents/document/boy-ration-book>

See:

What do you see?

10 ration coupons

What details stand out?

They are for meat, fats, fish and cheese

Think:

What do you think is going on?

These are what people bought good with during WWII

What makes you say that?

The words on the coupons

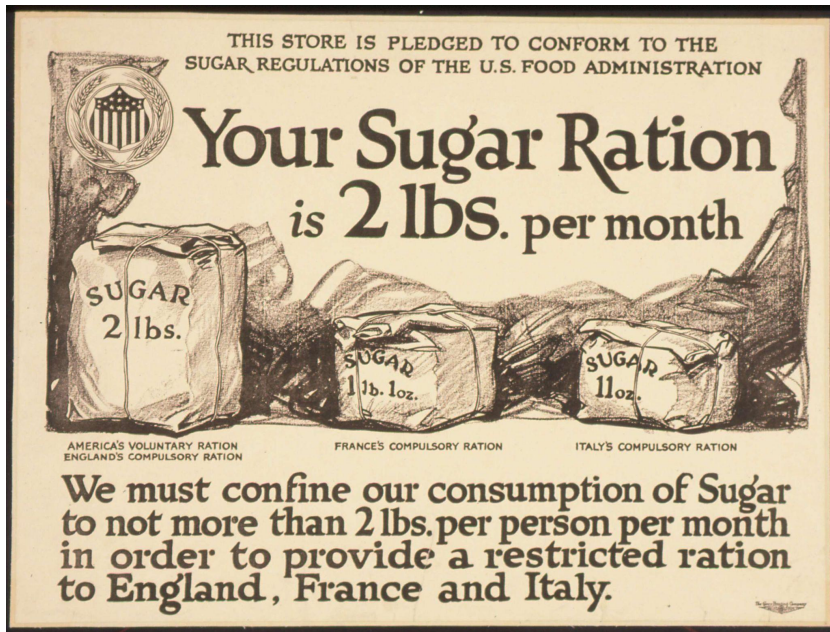
Wonder:

What does this make you wonder?

How many did they get? How many point did they spend on eggs?

What broader questions does this image raise for you?

What do the numbers on the left represent? Are there any of these still around to see in person?



See:

What do you see?

A flyer for Sugar Rations

What details stand out?

2 lbs of sugar a month is more than France and Italy

Think:

What do you think is going on?

The store is explaining why you can only buy 2 lbs per month

What makes you say that?

The words on the flyer

Wonder:

What does this make you wonder?

If Americans realized that it we didn't have it as bad as Europe

What broader questions does this image raise for you?

How hard it must have been for those in Europe