# High School U.S. History

## Assessment Part 3A

### Issues Facing African Americans during World War II

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Assessment Overview

This is an assessment of your writing in history as well as the history content you have learned. For this writing task you will write an essay using information from the documents you read in Part 2 and from your studies in U.S. History. You will need Assessment Part 2 from your teacher so that you can refer to the documents while working on your essay.

Writing Task Directions

Imagine that you are a journalist. The editor of a magazine has asked you to write an essay about African Americans on the home front during World War II. Specifically, the Editor would like you to write an essay that:

• addresses the issues African Americans confronted on the home front during World War II; and

• includes a discussion about the (1) labor discrimination, (2) migration, and (3) racial violence problems they faced.

The Editor would like you to go beyond a simple retelling of what happened and provide insights into the problems African Americans faced during this time period (for example, you can discuss cause and effect). Please make sure that you:

• cover the 3 sub-topics in your essay;

• use information from at least two of the documents to support your ideas; and

• make connections to relevant information you learned in class.