



The Importance of Sacrifice

Looking Back:

During WWII, every single person was asked to make individual sacrifices, so our country had what she needed to fight the war. The definition of the word sacrifice is: "A loss or something you give up for a better cause."

Men and women who joined the military sacrificed time with their families. They gave up their jobs and the comforts of home to serve overseas, going where they were assigned, following orders and fighting for our country. Some made the ultimate sacrifice, being injured or killed in battle.

People who stayed home—men, women and children—sacrificed as well. Food was rationed to make sure we had enough to feed our troops overseas as well as the people at home. Raw materials used for cars, boats, clothing and luxury items were used for war production to manufacture items needed for our troops.

ONLINE RESOURCE:

Memories of Michigan WWII Veterans

https://www.mlive.com/lansing-news/2014/11/michigan_honors_world_war_ii_m.html

Rationing on the Home Front

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zEohJ7InNjA>

Living the Legacy:

Sacrificing our own wants and needs so that others may benefit is as important today as it was during WWII.

- In what ways are we being asked to sacrifice during the COVID-19 pandemic?
- Why are our sacrifices important?
- Think of someone who is making a sacrifice so that your safety and needs are being met. Write a thank you note to them and either mail or email it to them.

How to write a Thank You note

1. Thank the person what they have done
2. Compliment them for what they did for you or others
3. Write a sentence for what you hope you can do with them or a good thought for the person. An example is "I hope we can see each other soon."



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