Activity: Design Remixed Propaganda Poster

Background:
To ensure that the American public was 100% behind the war effort during World War II, the government produced thousands of posters that encouraged people to join the Army and Navy, not waste food, volunteer their time, and help pay for the war by buying War Bonds. Many posters encouraged people to Get in the Scrap. These posters are known as propaganda posters.

Point Value:
8 points

Key Themes:
Scraping, Energy Conservation, Art, History

Procedure:
1. Share sample propaganda posters from WWII with your students. Have them study the images, symbols, words, and colors used.
2. Now your students will use these ideas (and ones they brainstorm) to create a poster that encourages their fellow students to Get in the Scrap! They can work individually or in small groups. Hang them in your classroom, or better yet, hang them around the school.

Materials:
Provided by Museum:
• WWII propaganda poster examples
Provided by you and/or your students:
• Paper
• Art supplies: markers, colored pencils, glitter—whatever you choose!
A Gas Mask requires 1.11 pounds of rubber
A Life Raft requires 17 to 100 pounds of rubber
A Scout Car requires 306 pounds of rubber
A Heavy Bomber requires 1,825 pounds of rubber

America needs your SCRAP RUBBER
Save waste fats for explosives

Take them to your meat dealer
SAVE YOUR CANS
Help pass the Ammunition

PREPARE YOUR TIN CANS FOR WAR
1. REMOVE TOPS AND BOTTOMS
2. TAKE OFF PAPER LABELS
3. WASH THOROUGHLY
4. FLATTEN FIRMLY

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WANTED For VICTORY
Waste Paper
Old Rags
Scrap Metals
Old Rubber
GET IN THE SCRAP
SELL TO A COLLECTOR OR GIVE TO A CHARITY

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