War Poster Analysis

Name _________________________
Hour ___    Date ______________

1. What is your immediate reaction upon seeing this poster for the first time? Appealing? Shocking? What emotions (if any) does it bring forth in you? Explain ________________________________
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2. Which country created this poster? ________________ for which war? ________________

3. Is the government agency or private corporation that created this poster mentioned? __yes __no
   If yes, which one? ____________________________________________

4. What colors are mainly used? ________________________________ Do these colors have symbolic value? __yes __no  If yes, describe _______________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________

5. Describe any symbols used in the poster and explain what each one represents:
   • __________________ - _________________________________________________
   • __________________ - _________________________________________________
   • __________________ - _________________________________________________

6. Are any slogans or phrases included? __yes __no  If yes, explain ____________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________

7. What are the main messages of this poster? Is it: (check all that apply)
   __ seeking your support for soldiers and sailors? __ asking you to do your part on the home front?
   __ intending to stir up negative feelings toward the enemy soldier and nation?
   __ other _____________________________________________________________

8. Describe how the poster brings out the message(s). Illustrations?  Colors?  Symbols?  Words?
   ______________________________________________________________________
   ______________________________________________________________________

9. As a result of seeing this poster, what action do you think the poster’s creator hopes you will take?
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10. In your judgement, is this a good war propaganda poster? Why or why not? Does it get its message across clearly? Is it appealing? Easy to understand? ___________________________________
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    ______________________________________________________________________

Activities:

1. Assume that you are a citizen of the nation that produced this war poster. In a paragraph, describe how you could improve it.

2. Describe or lay out a new poster for your nation’s war effort, using the main theme or message contained in this one.

3. Take the role of the other person/nation against whom this war poster is aimed. Develop a poster to counteract the messages(s) contained in this one.

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