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# Video Discussion Questions

## Beyond the Story: American Women During World War II, 1939-1945

### PART 1

**Directions**: Before reading the play and after watching the video, answer the following questions.

**1.** Describe a central idea of the section of the video about American women before and at the start of World War II (0:39-1:33). Give two details from the video that support that idea.

**2.** According to the video, what kinds of jobs did women do during World War II?

**3.** What is the main purpose of the section about child care and grocery shopping during the war (2:56-3:19)?

**4.** What is the mood of the video during the last section, about how working during World War II changed American women (3:48-4:15)? Consider the music, narration, and visuals.

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# PART 2

**Directions**: After reading the play and watching the video, answer the following questions.

**5.** In Scene 5, Mrs. Baskin says, "These are dark times." How does the video demonstrate that there were "dark times" during the 1940s?

**6.** Consider this line of narration from the video: "They claim women aren't fit for difficult, dirty, and dangerous factory jobs" (1:14-1:20). Identify at least two places in the play where a similar idea is expressed.

**7.** In the video, the narrator says that 13 million women have jobs that "help keep the country running" (2:08-2:10). Do you think Georgia's job as a professional baseball player helped keep the country running? Why or why not? Use text evidence to support your ideas.

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