Answer the following questions using the links that follow:

What was the legal status of segregation in 1941? (GOOGLE!)

What was Executive Order 8802? What were President Roosevelt’s stated reasons for ending discrimination in the defense industry? (http://www.ourdocuments.gov/doc.php?flash=true&doc=72)

What contributions had African Americans made to previous wars in U.S. history? (http://www.defenselink.mil/home/features/2007/BlackHistoryMonth/Timeline.html)

What organizations existed in 1941 to fight discrimination against African Americans? (GOOGLE!)

Go to the following website, read the newspaper, and answer the questions that follow:

<http://www.pbs.org/blackpress/news_bios/index.html>

1. When was the Pittsburgh Courier founded? Who were its three main editors? Who were some of its famous writers?

2. List at least five things the Courier wanted to improve about black life in America in the 1930s and 1940s.

3. Which goal do you think deserved the most effort and attention, and why?

4. What was the Double V campaign?

5. List at least four tactics used by the Pittsburgh Courier to fight for the rights of African Americans.

6. In your opinion, which of these tactics was likely to be most effective, and why?

Think about how the Double V campaign made African Americans (like those interviewed in the film) feel at the time. How did it help them to resolve the inherent conflict of fighting for a country that did not grant them the full rights of citizenship?