THE WAR: THE FOUR TOWNS: In each box, describe the town’s main economic activity, memories from it’s people, and any social or cultural aspects of each town.

**Luverne, Minnesota**
- Agriculture was important
- Pop. 3,000
- Small town atmosphere

**Sacramento, California**
- State capital
- Population by okes + the Gold Rush
- Pop. 1,06,000

[Images of a tractor, crops, and a cityscape with flags and baseball symbols]
Waterbury, Connecticut

- "Brass city" (metal goods)
- Italian American community
- Larger than Luvone, smaller than Mobile + Sacramento

Mobile, Alabama

- Pop. 112,000
- Shipbuilding Industry
- Southern lifestyle
- Racial Harmony?
THE WAR: WARTOWN

Here is the statement provided through the newsreel at the beginning of the clip...

NEWSREEL: An army of 150,000 men, women and children invaded an American city. Whites, Negroes, Indians, Creoles, Cajuns — they came from every corner of the land, their roots in every corner of the globe: Moscow, Indiana; Warsaw, North Dakota; Hamburg, California; Milan, Missouri; Baghdad, Kentucky. Some came out of patriotism, some out of grim necessity, some for a richer life; all came to do a war job. This could be any one of a hundred great American war centers. It happens to be Mobile, Alabama, but the story is the same in every war town in America.

1. What did you think is the overall theme to this clip?

   upbeat, active, positive, bustling,

   very, very busy

2. Why do you think the towns shown were chosen to be in this clip?

   because all of them are named after foreign cities, symbolizing the "worldly" aspect of WWII

3. How would you react as an American in 1940 to seeing scenes of hundreds of people headed off to work?

   It would be incredibly encouraging that there were now so many job opportunities

4. What specific things needed to be done to convert car manufacturing to airplane manufacturing?

   More workers needed to be hired, more importantly needed to be trained

5. What were some of the personal reasons why these people wanted jobs in Mobile, Alabama?

   Some wanted to support the war effort, some just needed a job, some had to prove that they were as good at these jobs as white men.