

**Reading Questions for Blum, *V was for Victory* and Terkel, *The Good War***

What attitudes did Americans have about war before Pearl Harbor?

How eager were they to participate in the war?

What, do you suppose, were their reasons for involvement or non-involvement?

What obstacles would the government face in mobilizing for war?

How would the President overcome these obstacles?

How do those who lived through Pearl Harbor remember it?

What factors influenced their judgement?

What can we learn from oral histories?

What are their strengths and limitations?

As sources, how do they compare to the letters in McElvaine?