

From studying World War II, we have learned that the United States dealt with great sacrifice on the homefront. Food, clothing, gas, and other goods were rationed off due to their scarcity. Today you will learn how difficult these times were. You will purchase groceries for your family for one month using the rationing system that was instituted in the U.S in 1940. Through this, you will begin to see how sacrifice united a country.

Unit Connection: This relates to our thematic unit about World War II, because it will help us to better recognize the different factors that effected WWII in the United States. Students will develop a better appreciation for their country's past.

Directions for learning tool: Your mom and dad have put you in charge of buying groceries for the next month. The federal government has issued you 25 rationing points for you to purchase the products below. One ration point equals one product purchased. Place the number that you would like to purchase for each item in the corresponding box. Remember, you have four weeks worth of purchases and only 25 points for the whole month. When finished, you will see what your family will eat for the month, and the average amount you spent on a product.

Products (Amount per week)	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Total Points	Average	
Bacon (4oz.)	1	1		1	3	12%	
Beef (8oz.)	5				5	20%	
Bread (1 loaf)	1	1	1	1	4	16%	
Breakfast Cereal (7oz.)	1				1	4%	
Butter (4oz.)	1		0	1	2	8%	
Canned Fruit (2 cans)	1				1	4%	
Canned Vegetables (2 cans)	1				1	4%	
Cheese (4oz.)	1			1	2	8%	
Cooking Fats (10oz.)	1				1	4%	
Eggs (2)					0	0%	
Ham (5 oz.)		0	1	1	2	8%	
Jam (8oz.)	1				1	4%	
Milk (2 pints)				1	1	4%	
Rice (9oz.)					0	0%	
Soap (1 small tablet per month)					0	0%	
Sugar (12 oz.)					0	0%	
Sweets/Chocolate (6oz. Per month)					0	0%	
Tea (3oz.)	1				1	4%	
Total Points for the month (max. 25 points)						25	



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