

Unit 1: The German-American Experience During WWI

Lesson 3: Anti-German Hysteria in Ohio

Educator Outline

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- Provide students about three minutes to write down their responses in their notebooks. After students are finished, choose four random students to share what they think. Afterwards, reveal the answer.
- Then state something along the lines of: “This horrific wartime act demonstrates some of the discriminatory actions and perceptions faced by German-Americans throughout the United States. But how were German-American Ohioans treated and perceived? Once again, we will look to the state’s historic newspapers for answers.”

Read and Wonder: Tarred and Feathered in Toledo

- Make sure to preview the News-Bee article by discussing the questions to think about beforehand. You will want each student to have access to a computer so they can read this article online and also for the research later in the class.

Watch & Wonder: Anti-German Hysteria

- Preview the video clip about Anti-German hysteria in Cincinnati by discussing the questions beforehand.

Activity: Analysis of Anti-German Stories

- If there is still time after the exit ticket, have some students share their responses verbally.