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Allow students, in groups or individually, to examine the photograph located at the above link while answering the questions below in order. The questions are designed to guide students into a deeper analysis of the source and sharpen associated cognitive skills.

Level I: Description

1. What is the photograph showing?
2. Who is the cardboard person?

Level II: Interpretation

1. What country is this photograph taken in?
2. What does the slogan at the bottom of the scrap box mean?
3. What stereotypes are used in this photograph?

Level III: Analysis

1. What does this photograph tell you about the time period?
2. What does this photograph tell you about feelings towards the Japanese?

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Title [Akron World War II Scrap Drive Photograph](#)

Subject [Military Ohio](#)
[World War II](#)
[Scrap metal industry](#)

Place [Akron \(Ohio\)](#)
[Summit County \(Ohio\)](#)

Description This [photograph documents](#) a [scrap drive display](#) in [Akron, Ohio during World War II](#). [Recycling](#) and [scrap metal drives](#) were [one](#) of the [ways Americans supported](#) the [war effort during](#) the [Second World War](#). As [steel](#) and [other materials](#) were [needed](#) to [make ships, weapons, and other tools](#) for the [war effort](#), [Americans](#) were [called upon](#) to [recycle goods](#) that were not [deemed essential](#). [Government-produced posters, radio commercials and advertisements encouraged scrap drives, which were often sponsored by schools or community groups.](#) The [photograph measures 8" x 10" \(20.32 x 25.4 cm\)](#).

Date of Original [1941 - 1945 circa](#)

Collection [Ohio War History Commission](#)

Source [Audiovisual material; State Archives Series 1959AV/1/9](#)

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