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  - a) Poland and its neutrality
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- 6 Who were Australia's allies in WWII?**
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- 13** How did women support the war effort?
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