# Chapter 27 – Zoot Suits

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**Directions**: Follow each prompt. You will read a selection and/or view an image/document. Answer each question thoroughly. {*Instructors: insert specific directions such as word count, response type, submission format, etc.*}



Image: “Soldier inspecting a couple of ‘zoot suits’ at the Uline Arena during Woody Herman’s Orchestra engagement there,” 1942, photography by John Ferrell, <https://loc.getarchive.net/media/washington-dc-soldier-inspecting-a-couple-of-zoot-suits-at-the-uline-arena>. Public Domain/Creative Commons.

1. **BACKGROUND**
	1. **Read the article:** “[Zoot](https://openstax.org/books/us-history/pages/26-2-the-first-new-deal) Suit [Riots](https://openstax.org/books/us-history/pages/27-2-the-home-front?query=zoot%20suit&target=%7B%22type%22%3A%22search%22%2C%22index%22%3A0%7D#fs-idm59904000)” (Source: *Open Stax: 27.2 The Home Front)*
	2. **Discussion Prompt:** Why was there such a big increase in immigration from Mexico during World War II?
2. **CONSIDER**
	1. **View**: Study the photo above, taken in 1942.
	2. **Discussion Prompt**: How would you describe zoot suits? What type of men are wearing them in the photo?
3. **INTERPRET**
	1. **Read the article:** “[Zoot Suit Riots](https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-zoot-suit-riots-anniversary-20180604-story.html)” (Source: *Los Angeles Times*)
	2. **Discussion Prompt**: What are some things people remember about the riots?
4. **CONNECT**
	1. **Read**: “School Uniforms and Dress Code Policies Most Likely to Target Females, Latinos and Black Students” (*Latin Post*)
	2. **Discussion Prompt:** Do you agree that school dress codes target female, Latino, and Black students?