8.1 Discussion Questions

- Flora: I am inclined to agree with Karbel et al's argument that it is the tactical employment of forces that wins battles, but is mass army an important component for success in war?
- Robyn: What was the relationship between/relative importance of force employment and force capability during WWII? Is there a more productive way to look at this relationship than those outlined in today's readings?
- Miranda: Does engagement in total war require the centralization of political power? Even with strong leadership, to what extent were the powers of WWII in reaching consonance between strategy and economy?
- Alo: Given the fact that the Germans had essentially the same numbers as the allied fighting forces, how did the German force employment allow them to destroy a force they had no business destroying?