

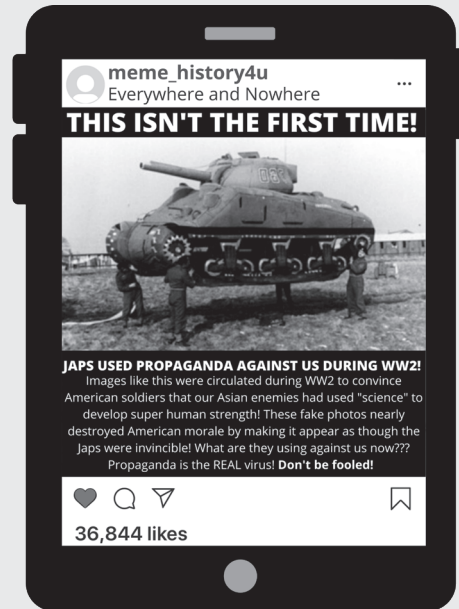
The Case of . . . **The Superhuman Soldiers!**

The Scene

Have you seen this popular meme? With nearly 40,000 likes from this single Instagram post alone, it appears to be everywhere!

According to the meme, this photo was doctored and spread as propaganda to give the impression that Japanese soldiers were so strong they could lift a tank into the air. The meme also implies that the Japanese were able to accomplish this through some mysterious scientific discovery.

Although we know that no soldiers during World War II (from any country) were strong enough to lift a tank off the ground, what do you think? Did the Japanese really use this photo to fool Americans into thinking that they'd developed a superhuman army?



Possible Clues (Questions to Think About)

- **Triggers:** How does this information make you feel? Is there anything about how the information is presented that is designed to trigger an emotion?
- **Access:** Does the platform or app make it easier or more challenging to find additional information about the source?
- **Forensics:** How can you find out when/where this was originally published?
- **Motives:** If this story turns out to be false or misleading, what kind of person would create/spread it?

Do these soldiers really possess superhuman strength, or should this meme be tanked?