

Radios

During WWII, the radio was the fastest way to provide information and news to Americans

◆ In 1944, *30 million* homes had at least one radio — some had more than one.

- ◆ Without TV, newspapers brought the images of war back to the home front, but it was the radio that was the best source for the latest news.
- ◆ The radio was also a way for the government to stay in touch with the American public.
- ◆ President Roosevelt used the radio to his

advantage by talking to the people directly in his famous "*fireside chats*." This was the main way the President communicated with the American people during WWII.

◆ In addition to information about the war and news, the radio also broadcast **music** and **entertainment programs**.

President Roosevelt giving one of his fireside chats

