

Women in World War II: MiniQuest



“Do your part, free a man for service.”

Slogans like this urged women to enter the work force in World War II.

Think about these questions:

1. Why did women have to enter the workforce during WWII?
2. Were women just working in factories? What other jobs did they have to take over from men?

The roles of women in the United States changed drastically during the 1940's and WWII. Women were no longer simply homemakers. They served as factory workers, journalists, nurses, pilots, and other military personnel. Check out the following link for more general background information, and while you're reading "What did you do in the war Grandma?", think about what it might be like to have to change your whole way of life overnight.

http://www.stg.brown.edu/projects/WWII_Women/Grandma.html

The main question you will be asked to find an answer for is:

- What role would you have liked to have as a woman during WWII?

You will begin by researching some resources to learn about women's roles during WWII. Download the [worksheets](#) and use the following websites to answer the questions on your worksheet.

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Now that you have finished researching and completing your worksheets, write an essay that answers the following question:

What role would you have liked to have as a woman during WWII? Why?