

Educator Overview

Help for the Farmer: The Women's Land Army in WWI



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Audience	Grade levels 6-8 ▾ 9-12 ▾	Subject Social Studies ▾	Topic US Civics & Government US History
Guiding Questions	What was the Woman's Land Army of America?	What was the experience of a farmerette?	What impact did the Woman's Land Army have on World War II?
Guiding Question #1 Activities	Activity 1: Narrative to read about the history and function of the WLA Activity 2: Slideshow with images of two primary sources about the work farmerettes did as members of the WLA. Discussion or short written response questions asked about each primary source.		
Guiding Question #2 Activities	Activity 3: Narrative with a transcribed letter written by a farmerette (primary source) detailing her experience working in Morristown, NJ. Includes discussion or short written response questions about the letter. Activity 4: Slideshow of primary source materials related to the farmerette experience. Activity 5: Hotspot of an image of farmerettes in Morris County on a farm. Asks students to look at the picture and as a group, discuss and share what they think is going on in this image.		

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Guiding Question #3 Activities	Activity 6: Narrative about the WLA of WWII with a primary source letter to Dorothea Post asking for advice in putting together a WLA unit for WWII
Reflection	Activity 7: Slideshow with wrap up discussion or short written response questions
Other Notes (Supplies needed, independent vs. whole class engagement)	<p>This resource kit is designed to be done either as a full class or done individually or in groups of students.</p> <p>Additional links with information about the Woman's Land Army. Included are links about the Women's Land Army in Great Britain during WWI for comparison or further exploration:</p> <p>Library of Congress: https://blogs.loc.gov/loc/2018/03/world-war-i-the-womens-land-army/</p> <p>PBS- Women's Land Army in Southern California: https://www.pbssocal.org/history-society/the-womens-land-army-farmettes-for-suffrage-during-world-war-i</p> <p>National Women's History Museum: https://www.womenshistory.org/resources/general/womens-land-army-world-war-i</p> <p>BBC- video about Britain's Land Army [3:26]: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z8FrnZwysEs</p> <p>Women's Land Army - UK: https://www.womenslandarmy.co.uk/</p>