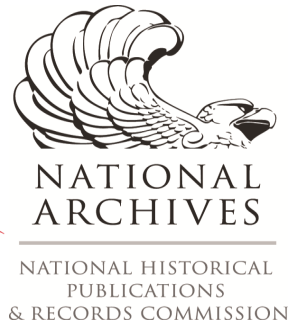


Title: Women on the Home Front during World War I

Creator: Educator in Memphis



Standards:

US.26: Analyze the political, economic, and social ramifications of World War I on the home front, including: **role played by women** and minorities, voluntary rationing, Committee on Public Information, opposition by conscientious objectors, *Schenck v. United States* decision

Materials:

- Primary sources

Primary Sources

1. "World War I era canning operation" photograph: <https://cdm15138.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p15138coll18/id/280/rec/4>
2. "Ready for Work at Box Factory" photograph: <https://cdm15138.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p15138coll18/id/1964/rec/14>
3. "Letter to Governor Tom C. Rye from Anne Dallas Dudley, Tennessee Equal Suffrage Association": <https://teva.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p15138coll18/id/1969/rec/20>

Activity Instructions:

- Display or distribute copies of the primary sources for students to analyze (small groups can share the documents, copies of the documents can be posted around the room, etc.)
- Have the students study and analyze the primary sources.
- Ask the students to work as a class to compile a list of the different jobs/roles that women filled on the home front during World War I based on the primary sources they analyzed.
- Ask the students why each of those jobs/roles was important during wartime.



"World War I era canning operation" photograph.

Located in the Looking Back at Tennessee Collection



Ready for Work at Box Factory.

“Ready for Work at Box Factory” photograph:

Located in the *Old Hickory News*, November 2, 1918

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My dear Gov. Rye:

The Executive Board of the Tennessee Equal Suffrage Association (Incorporated) has authorized me to offer you the services of the twenty-five thousand organized women in our State in case of war for the purposes of recruiting, work in munition factories, hospitals, and in any field that may be left vacant by the men at the front.

With every assurance that the women of the Volunteer State will endeavor to maintain the record of their forebears for loyalty and courage,

Believe me,

Faithfully yours,

Anne Dallas Dudley

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"Letter to Governor Tom C. Rye from Anne Dallas Dudley, Tennessee Equal Suffrage Association":

Located in the Governor Tom C. Rye Papers, 1915-1919