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## What did World War One really do for women?

### **1 - War begins and women get to work**

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- What new jobs and opportunities did women get in WW 1?

### **2 - Keeping the Homefront moving**

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- List 5 jobs that women did in England during WW 1
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- Which of these jobs did women do, that they had never done before?

### **3 - Inside a WW 1 factory**

- List three examples of dangerous working conditions in a WW 1 factory
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- List two examples of other conditions that made working a factory difficult for women?

### **4 - In Numbers: Women in the War**

- What was the most common job of women during WW 1?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- The pound is the currency in England. The sign for pound is an L. Give two statistics to support the claim that women were paid less than men, even doing the same job.

## 5 - War's End: Opportunities Lost

Watch the video about Amy Elizabeth May. What type of work did she do?

What did the Sex Disqualification Act make it illegal to do?

The website says that in 1918 that the People Act *enfranchised* people. This means women were given the right to vote. How many women could vote as a result of this new law?

What happened to many women when men returned from the war and to their jobs?

## 6 - What is the legacy of women from World War 1 for women today?

Watch the video - According the narrator, what did women in World War 1 prove?

A **trail blazer** is someone who does something first, before everyone else. In what ways were WW 1 women trail blazers for women today?

## 7 - How did World War 1 most change life for women?

Read the four historians and list 3 ways that life for women changed as a result of WW 1:

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