

Women in World War II Posters

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The U.S. government issued posters during World War II to recruit women for wartime work.

- [Poster: The More Women at Work, the Sooner We Win](http://www.library.northwestern.edu/govinfo/collections/wwii-posters/img/ww1646-48.jpg)
<http://www.library.northwestern.edu/govinfo/collections/wwii-posters/img/ww1646-48.jpg>
- [Poster: "I've Found the Job Where I Fit Best": Find Your War Job in Industry, Agriculture, Business](http://www.library.northwestern.edu/govinfo/collections/wwii-posters/img/ww1646-40.jpg)
<http://www.library.northwestern.edu/govinfo/collections/wwii-posters/img/ww1646-40.jpg>
- [Poster: Save His Life...and Find Your Own: Be a Nurse](http://www.library.northwestern.edu/govinfo/collections/wwii-posters/img/ww1646-47.jpg)
<http://www.library.northwestern.edu/govinfo/collections/wwii-posters/img/ww1646-47.jpg>

Review some examples of World War II posters and answer the following questions:

- What is the woman in the poster doing?

- What type of job is she demonstrating?

- What skills might she need to perform this job?

- Would she have done this job before the war? After the war?

- What does the woman look like in the poster? Does her dress or behavior remind you of anyone? (A celebrity from that time, for example)

- What does the poster seem to be saying about acceptable roles for women in wartime? How did women's roles differ in peacetime?

- What symbols does the poster use to get its point(s) across?

- How might the government have used this poster to persuade women to join the war effort?