

## Case study: WOMEN, WORK & WAR

Britain was involved in the Great War from 1914-18. As the war dragged on, many men went to fight. Thousands of women also joined the armed forces. Others took over 'men's work' in the factories and fields. Women had always worked of course - in homes, fields and factories. However, the contribution of women to Britain's war effort did seem to capture the imagination of the country.

In this case study you will study a range of sources on women in wartime and decide how important this work was in getting the vote for some women in 1918.

### SOURCES:

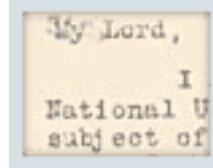
Women's Right To Serve march, 1915



Women's Land Army certificate, 1915



Letter to Minister of War from NUWSS, 1917



Letter to Lloyd George from NUWSS, 1917



Women in the armed forces, 1917



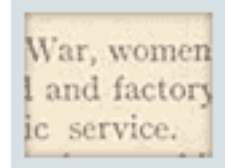
Women working in the munitions industry



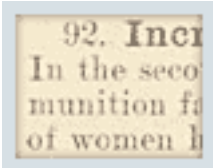
Films showing jobs women did in WW1



Report on women in agriculture, 1918



Report on women in industry, 1919



Cartoon: 'At Last!', 1918



### HOW TO USE THE SOURCES IN THIS CASE STUDY :

You can use these case study sources in two ways:

#### THE BIG QUESTION

The sources in this case study can help you by providing information you can use in your presentation. Study each source carefully. Note down anything which tells you about:

- The impact of the Suffragettes on public opinion
- The impact of the Suffragettes on politicians
- The publicity gained by the Suffragettes
- The organisation of the Suffragettes

#### EXAM PRACTICE

If you want to get some practice on examination type questions, just go to or download the Practice Questions.

Don't forget – if there are words or phrases in the sources which you cannot understand, try the glossary!