

## SOURCE 5

Recruiting pamphlet for the Women's Land Army published in 1917

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SOURCE 5A

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### HOW TO USE THIS SOURCE TO HELP YOU ANSWER THE BIG QUESTION :

Look carefully at this source and consider what it tells you about the aims, methods or effectiveness of government propaganda. You should consider:

#### ASK YOURSELF:

- What was the main purpose of this pamphlet?
- How did the pamphlet describe the U-Boats?
- Did Britain use submarines in the war?
- What do you think of the author 'A Woman Writer'?
- Is this a practical government document or a piece of propaganda?

## SOURCE 5A

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# THE U-BOAT SCOURGE— AND ITS CURE

BY A WOMAN WRITER

A thousand times have we been thrilled by the horror that is knocking at our door, not the horror of war alone—that is terrible enough, but the other horror of the gliding thing that creeps in the darkness of deep waters, coming to the surface to commit a crime, then sinking to the depths again. The U-boats are out for murder, not for honest war, and they do their work in stealth and calculated secrecy as a poisoner commits his crime.

## SOURCE 5B

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What can WE, the women at home, do to cure this U-boat scourge?

A little thought will show that if it were possible for Britain to produce all the food she requires the German pirates would be largely baulked of their prey.

We cannot bring the desired end about in its entirety, but we can do a great deal towards it. Everyone who cultivates even a tiny strip of garden is helping to that end. Every foot of land which is reclaimed; every vegetable grown where a flower sprang before, is an effort in the right direction. In the same way, each woman who brings thought to bear on her cooking, and arranges her meals according to the rationing rules, is doing service,

That is what stay-at-home folk can do, but for the other, the women who are not bound by domestic ties or engaged in a trade of primary importance, the work that waits is greater and more noble still. Let them volunteer for National Service on the land.

## SOURCE 5C

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As  
you read this ask yourself:—"Ought I to join the  
Women's Land Army?"

If your answer is Yes, do not hesitate, but obtain  
an enrolment form at the nearest Post Office

