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SERVICE & CITIZENSHIP IN THE US - WWI

POSSIBLE ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

- What makes people go to war?
- How has military service intersected with race, gender, and class in the United States?
- What role has military service played in obtaining the rights and privileges of citizenship?
- How do the reasons for engaging in a global conflict relate to the principles and values of warring nations?

The Sustainable Development Goals

SDG 16: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.

- 16.1 - Significantly reduce all forms of violence and related death rates everywhere.
- 16.3 - Promote the rule of law at the national and international levels and ensure equal access to justice for all

SDG 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.

- 5.1 - End all forms of discrimination against all women and girls everywhere.
- 5.5 - Ensure women's full and effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decision-making in political, economic and public life.

BACKGROUND

Prior to engaging in the following case study, develop background understanding of the causes, events, and effects of WWI. This can be done through the use of a curriculum or text or by exploring the following sources.

General WWI History

- [Why Did World War I Happen?](#) - Council on Foreign Relations
- [How World War I Started: Crash Course World History 209](#) - Crash Course
- [Hardcore History 50 - Blueprint form Armageddon](#) (podcast with fee)
- [World War One](#) - Epic History
- [WWI](#) - Britannica
- [WWI](#) - History.com

Once students have general background knowledge of the war, use the resources below to explore the role of military service and citizenship in the United States during and after WWI.

RESOURCES

Personal Stories and Primary Source Documents

- [A Letter from First Lieutenant James W. Alston](#) - Digital Public Library of America
- [Untold Stories: The Women of World War I](#) - Encyclopedia Britannica

- [Close Ranks \(p.7\)](#) - The Crisis (July 1918 edition)
- [Diary of Harry L. Frieman](#) - Library of Congress
- [Featured Document Display: Honoring Native American Soldiers' World War I Service](#) - National Archives
- [Over There \(Audio Recording\)](#) - Library of Congress

Art & Images

- [Harlem Hellfighters](#) - Britannica
- [The Anti-War League - A Big Peace Meeting](#) - Library of Congress
- [The Women's Land Army of America](#) - Library of Congress
- [I Want You for the Navy](#) - Library of Congress
- [The Weaker Sex?/Chamberlain](#) - Library of Congress

Articles

- [African American Troops Fought to Fight In World War I](#) - US Department of Defense
- [Women in WWI](#) - The National WWI Museum and Memorial
- [We Became Warriors Again': Why World War I Was a Surprisingly Pivotal Moment for American Indian History](#) - Time
- [The Army and Diversity](#) - U.S. Army Center of Military History
- [Over 200 Years of Service: The History of Women in the U.S. Military](#) - USO
- [Selective Services Acts](#) - Britannica
- [A Short History of Integration in the U.S. Armed Forces](#) - Air Force (US)

Data and Maps

- [Demographics of the US Military](#) - Council on Foreign Relations

- [Empires Before World War I](#) - Facing History and Ourselves
- [The World After World War I](#) - Facing History and Ourselves

Podcasts/audio resources:

- [American Women War Correspondents in WWI](#) - The MacArthur Memorial (in podcast list)
- [WWI and the Great Migration](#) - The MacArthur Memorial (in podcast list)
- ['Nice Girls Don't go in the Army': Vet Recalls her Service](#) - MPR

Videos

- [Life in a Trench](#) - History.com
- [How WWI Changed America: African Americans in WWI](#) - National WWI Museum and Memorial
- [The Harlem Hellfighters](#) - History.com
- [It's Your War, Too](#) - National Archives + National WWII Museum

Websites

- [The National WWI Museum and Memorial](#)
- [National Archives](#)
- [National Museum of the American Indian - Why We Serve](#)