

# WOMEN DURING WWII

## WORKSHEET 8

At the beginning of World War II, before the U.S. entered the war, many American companies had contracts with the government to produce war equipment for the Allies. Once the United States entered the war this production of equipment had increased in a short amount of time. Car factories were now asked to build airplanes, shipyards had to expand, and new factories were built. All of these facilities needed workers. At first companies did not think that they were in need of workers until the number of men sent overseas increased. There soon was a shortage of labor and hiring women became a necessity. These women were needed because companies were signing large contracts with the government and all the men were leaving for the service. A large number of women entered the work force. These women were doing their part to help win the war.

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