



## Women in WW1 were very important!

I believe that women in World War 1 were very important because instead of just doing nothing at home, they harvested crops and built machines. Without the women, there was no way that Britain would of won the war.

From 1914-1918 an estimated 2 million women replaced men in their jobs. This gave women the right to freedom and do a job that they enjoyed. It also destroyed quite a lot of women's traditional values.

By 1914 nearly 5.09 million out of the 23.8 million women in Britain were working. Thousands worked in munitions factories, offices and large hangars used to build aircraft.

This expanded the view of women in society and mens outlook of what women could do.

As well as working in factories, women also played football. The sport was more popular than it was when played by men so the FA banned women from playing football in league stadiums in 1921. This ban lasted for 50 years until women were finally allowed to play again in 1971.

### **Jobs women had.**

1. On fruit or vegetable farms.
2. In the camps to cook for workers.
3. On mixed and dairy farms.
4. In the farmhouse to help feed those who are raising the crops.
5. In canneries, to preserve the fruit and vegetables.
6. To take charge of milk routes.
7. They would work in factories to make ammo and build machinery.
8. They would also take jobs as doctors and teachers since these jobs were usually taken on by men.