**The Role of Women in WWII**

Write your responses onto a separate sheet of paper.

*Read the handout titled “On the Home Front and Beyond” from The National WWII Museum and respond to the following:*

1. What role did women have on the Home Front? Explain.
2. Women served in uniform as well. What role did they play in the armed forces? Explain.
3. What was the role of women after the war ended? Explain.

*Look at the 4 WWII posters featuring different images of the “Rosie the Riveter” character and respond to the following:*

1. Describe Rosie the riveter. How is she drawn? What is she wearing, holding, doing, etc? Explain what it symbolized for women at the time.
2. In your view, does the illustration highlight “Rosie’s” femininity or downplay it? How do you think women at the time may felt about the image? What would women today feel about the image?

*Read the interview of Josephine Carson from ‘War Sparks a More Active Role for Women’ and respond to the following:*

1. Explain how that when the war started the role of married women in the workforce changed.
2. Describe some of the working conditions women faced at this time (sexual harassment, work hours, etc.).

  

  