DBQ: WORLD WAR ONE

HISTORICAL CONTEXT:
The United States struggled to stay out of European affairs and World War One.
U.S. industrialization and expansion in the 19th Century made it more important to global
affairs, especially in Europe. When World War One broke out, the U.S. remained
Neutral. The U.S. supplied the Allies, German submarine warfare threatened U.S. ships
and the Zimmerman telegram all brought America into World War One.

TASK:
- Identify and discuss how Propaganda was used in the United States.
- Analyze the role of women during World War One
- Respond to the prompt below in a brief essay of at least 3 paragraphs

"American women found new freedoms and options opened to them due to the demand
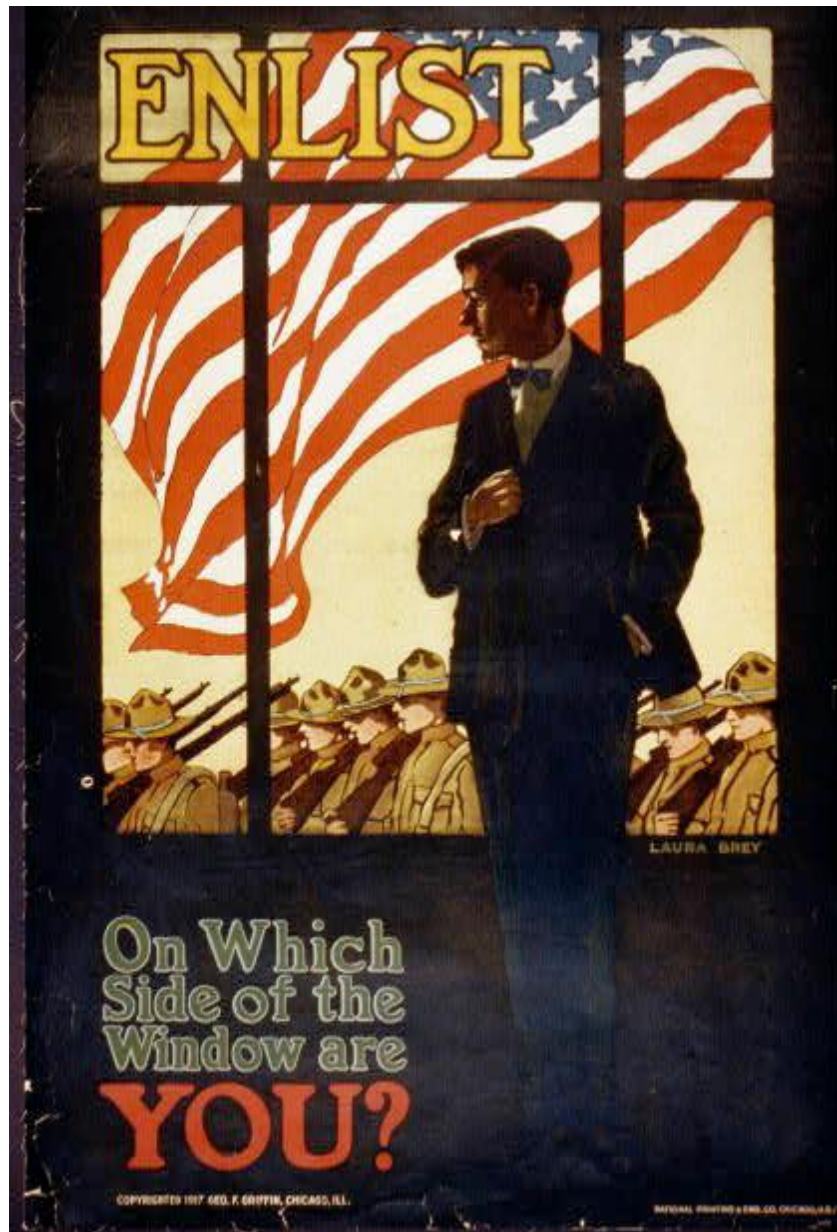for labor and materiel support during World War I and proved essential to the success of the war
effort."

Support, modify or refute the statement above using specific evidence from the
documents.

Document 1:

Be Patriotic
sign your country's pledge to save the food
U.S. FOOD ADMINISTRATION

1. What is the message of this poster?

2. What symbols does this poster rely on to help communicate its message?

3. What audience is this poster aimed at?

Document 2:

4. What is the intended audience of this poster?

5. What is the message this poster hopes to communicate?

6. Compared to Document 1, which poster to you think is more effective?

Document 3:

7. According to this image, what role did many women play in the war effort?

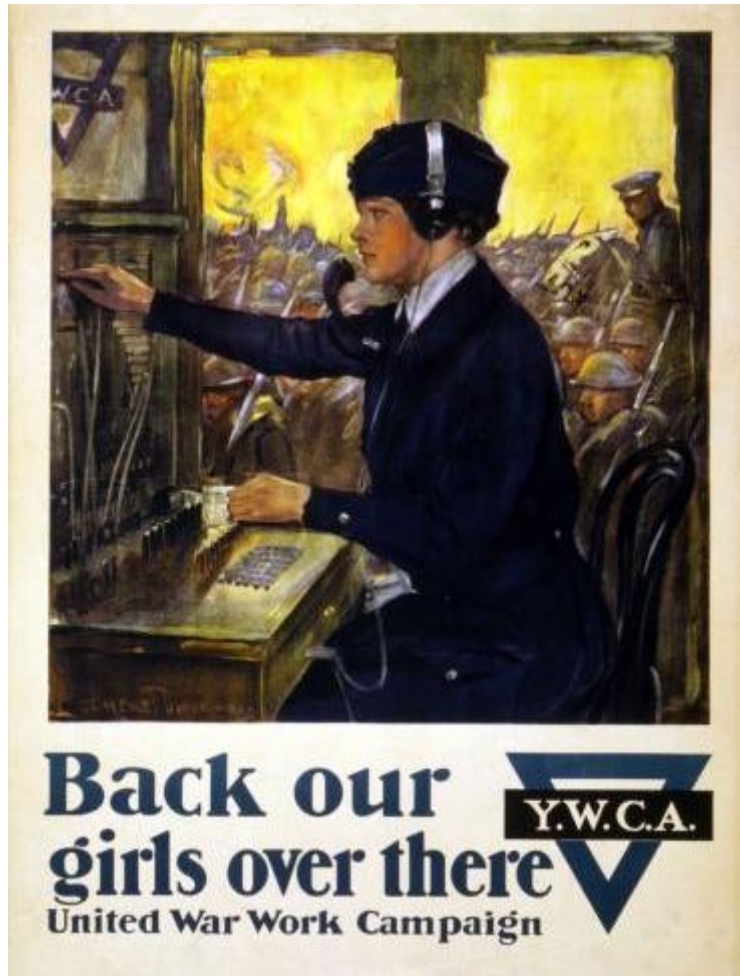8. How could propaganda have contributed to the scene in this image?

9. What social problems might America face during and after the war based on what you see in this image?

Document 4:

10. Based on the information in the image, what do you think the "Women's Land Army" was?

11. What is this poster encouraging women to do as part of the war effort?

12. Describe the woman in the image. Why do you think the artist chose this image for their poster?

Document 5:

13. What is the message of this poster?

14. What audiences are targeted by this poster?

15. Compare this poster to Document 2. How are they similar and different?