



Women in the War of 1812

Activity Sheet

DIRECTIONS

Complete the following questions based on the primary sources in the document, Women in the War of 1812: Primary Sources. Afterwards, complete one of the exit ticket options.

**Document A****Letter from Dolley Madison
to Lucy Todd****ONE**

Why might Dolley Madison have considered George Washington's portrait more important than some of her personal belongings?

TWO

How does her description of the portrait's rescue help us understand its importance to the nation?

THREE

What does Dolley Madison's determination to save Washington's portrait suggest about how Americans view the nation's founding & identity in 1814?

Use evidence from the document to support your answer.



Document B

Excerpt from Margaret Bayard Smith's Journal

ONE

What does this passage show about how women and children were affected by the War of 1812?

TWO

How did women respond when their city was attacked and their homes were in danger?

THREE

What roles did women have during the war, based on the ways they protected their families, gathered belongings, and survived difficult situations?



Newspaper Excerpt Announcing the Death of Elizabeth Sands

How does Elizabeth Warner Sands's role as a nurse demonstrate the importance of women's contributions during the War of 1812?

To what extent did women like Elizabeth Warner Sands contribute to American military success without participating directly in combat?



Choose one (1) of the following prompts to respond to. For your response, cite at least two (2) pieces of evidence from the sources to support your ideas.

OR