

What Was It Like to Be a WASP?

Student Name _____ Date _____

“Fly girls,” as women aviators were called, flew fighter planes at a time when few women held driver’s licenses or traveled on their own. During World War II, the media made it seem like flying planes was an exciting and glamorous job for women.

What was it really like to be a WASP?

Find out by reading personal recollections from the WASPs:

- PBS, Fly Girls Documentary
<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/flygirls/index.html>
 - Ann Carl: A WASP Among Eagles
<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/flygirls/sfeature/bookexcerpt.html>
- Texas Woman’s University, Women’s Collection, WASP
<http://www.twu.edu/wasp/>
 - Oral History Project
<http://www.twu.edu/wasp/oral.htm>
- WASP: Women Pilots of World War II
<http://www.wingsacrossamerica.us/wasp>
 - Articles Written by the WASP
http://www.wingsacrossamerica.us/records_all/article_archive.htm
 - Ann Darr, “The Long Flight Home” (PDF)
[\[http://www.wingsacrossamerica.us/records_all/wasp_articles/darr.pdf\]](http://www.wingsacrossamerica.us/records_all/wasp_articles/darr.pdf)
 - Cornelia Fort, “At the Twilight’s Last Gleaming” (PDF)
[\[http://www.wingsacrossamerica.us/records_all/wasp_articles/twilight.pdf\]](http://www.wingsacrossamerica.us/records_all/wasp_articles/twilight.pdf)
 - WASP Interviews
<http://www.wingsacrossamerica.us/wings/interviews.htm>

Select a WASP from the list below (or your teacher will assign one to you) and write a brief essay about her experiences during the war.

Nancy Batson

Marjorie Kumler

Bernice Batten

Nancy Love

Kathryn Bernheim

Madge Leon Moore

Delphine Bohn

Deanie Parrish

Sylvia Dahmes

Barbara Poole

Ann Darr

Aline Rhonie

Barbara Donahue

Marjorie Rees

Barbara Erickson

Adela Scharr

Ann Carl

Marion Schorr

Jackie Cochran

Dorothy Scott

Jean Hascall Cole

Evelyn Sharp

Cornelia Fort

Irma Story

Betty Gillies

Dora Dougherty Strother

Marion Stegeman Hodgson

Doris Brinker Tanner

Teresa James

Gertrude Tubbs