

Worksheet 2

The White Mouse

The Women of World War II

Nancy Wake once said: "I hate wars and violence, but if they come I don't see why we women should just wave our men a proud goodbye and then knit them balaclavas."

During the Second World War (WWII), other women, like Nancy Wake, chose not to 'sit at home and knit balaclavas'. They contributed to the war effort in their own dedicated and courageous way. Some were awarded medals and lived a long life like Nancy, but others were captured and paid the ultimate price - their life.

Task 1: Research these famous women from WWII writing brief notes about their role during the war.

Ruby Bradley	
Noor Inayat Khan	
Aleda Lutz	
Eileen Nearne	
Elsie Ott	
Lyudmila Pavlichenko	
Natalia Peshcova	
Krystyna Skarbek	
Susan Travers	
Reba Whittle	

Task 2: Choose **one** of these famous women to research and create an information text about her life. Include details such as: date and place of birth, family background, her role in WWII, injuries/capture, awards/medals received, date and place of death.

Extension Activity:

- Nancy Wake's motto throughout life was 'Have fun.' The word 'motto' comes from the Italian word for 'pledge' and is a phrase that summarises a general approach to life by an organisation or an individual. Think about what your life motto would be? Write about it explaining the meaning behind it.