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MUSEUM

# The First World War 1914-1918

## Age- KS3/Secondary School/S3-4

### Topic- Gretna Girls

#### Memoirs of the Gretna Girls

Look at the Memoirs of Gretna Girls sheets 1 and 2 to answer the questions



- 1) What happened to the cotton to make it into gun cotton?
- 2) Why were the women in the drying section trained in firefighting?
- 3) Where did the factory workers come from?
- 4) What was Victoria Robertson's role at HMF Gretna?
- 5) What was unusual in 1916 about her role?
- 6) What safety procedures were in place to avoid sparks?
- 7) During WW1 women took up roles usually only filled by men. What effect did this have on how the government saw women?
- 8) What action did the government take in 1918 to reward the women's efforts in the war?
- 9) Describe two good and two disadvantages of becoming a munitions worker during World War 1.