SPY GUIDING QUESTIONS

CIVIL WAR FEMALE SPIES

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Below are some guiding questions to help you engage with the film, make connections, and dig deeper into the topic. Start by THINKing critically as you watch, REFLECT on key ideas afterward, and explore further through RESEARCH and related resources.

As you watch, THINK...

- What was the expected role of women in the U.S. during the Civil War?
- How did women spies pass along secret information?

After you watch, REFLECT...

- Why were these women able to collect secret information and what risks were involved?
- Why do you think these women (and others) chose to work as spies?

After you watch, RESEARCH...

- Which Civil War female spy from the video (Belle Boyd, Rose O'Neal Greenhow, Harriet Tubman, Elizabeth Van Lew) do you find most interesting or impactful and why?
- What other ways did women help promote their cause during the Civil War?

Want to learn more?

- Confederate Civil War Cipher Disk (ARTIFACT)
- Rose O'Neal Greenhow Embroidery (ARTIFACT)
- The Real Harriet Tubman with Dr. Kate Clifford Larson (VIDEO)