

The Hello Girls

Directions: Answer the questions below while reading the article about the Hello Girls.

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Why was the U.S. War Department specifically looking for female telephone operators who were fluent in French?	
What were the responsibilities and challenges faced by Emelia Lumpert and Mary Marshall as switchboard operators?	
Why was the telephone considered one of the most important war technologies during World War I?	
How is the importance of the switchboard operators important in the context of war communications?	
How were the women of the Army Signal Corps treated by their male counterparts?	
What is the significance of the switchboard operators' work being recognized as veteran status decades later?	
Think about the efforts to honor the "Hello Girls" with the Congressional Medal. Why is this recognition important?	
What can we learn from the story of the "Hello Girls" about the role of women in war?	
How might the war effort have been different if the "Hello Girls" had not been part of the U.S. Army Signal Corps?	