

High School Lesson Plan

For “Mother Jones, America’s Most Dangerous Woman” DVD

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Vocabulary and identification:

Persona

Consciousness

Dispossessed

Sentimental

Profane

Exploitation

Domestics

Ethnic groups

Strikebreaker, scab

Mop and broom brigade

Yellow fever epidemic

Haymarket Square riot

Coxey’s Army

Ludlow Massacre

Virden Massacre

Progressives

Muckrakers

Radicals

United Mine Workers (of America) (UMW or UMWA)

Bolshevik

Industrial Workers of the World (IWW)

Map work

Use the file [endmpap.jpg](#) or [endmap.pdf](#)

Look at the map of places Mother Jones worked. Compare and contrast that with the map in your textbook of train routes built after the Civil War through the late 1800s. Compare that with the major cities versus small towns.

What other events were going on during Mother Jones labor activism career from the late 1800s through 1920? (Place Mother Jones into historical context.)

primary source activity/What is the significance of the Ludlow Massacre?

Mother Jones’ riot

*Photographs, Denver Public Library: (see links below)

What can these photographs tell you about the 1910-1914 Colorado coal strike?

What can these photographs tell you about the Mother Jones' riot?

What can these photos NOT tell you about the 1910-1914 Colorado coal strike or the Mother Jones riot?

If you were a newspaper editor in January of 1914, what photo would you choose for the front page and why?

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*Look in the index of your textbook, and see if there is anything written about the Ludlow Massacre.

Compare and contrast how these high school text books describe the Ludlow Massacre to how the film depicts the massacre.

**Organizing
Miners strikes
1897**

Nationwide
Socialist Party
Organizing
1905-1910

Campaigns for imprisoned
labor activists 1907-1920
Imprisoned & Deported
prior to Ludlow Massacre
Spring 1914 Colorado

Deported by
Colorado
Coal Wars
1913-1915

Militia 1904
Western Federation
of Miners Organizing
1907-1910

Organizing for
the Mexican Revolution
1907-1921

Garment Workers
Strike 1909, 1915
Milwaukee Brewery
Workers 1910
IWW Convention
Chicago 1905

Streetcar
workers organizing
1917
Coxey's March of
the unemployed
1894

Garment Workers
Calumet Copper
Pike 1909, 1915
March of the
mill children
Philadelphia to
New York 1903

Organizing anthracite
miners 1899-1905
West Virginia
mine wars
1912-1921

Indicted & jailed
W. Virginia 1902

Textile workers
Alabama 1908
Pullman & mine
strikes 1894
Court martialled
& imprisoned
WVA 1913

Matewan
1920-21