“We Are One”: Women’s Labor Activism in New York City
Online Workshop – August 19, 2021

Featured MCNY Sources and Exhibitions
Activist New York, an ongoing Museum exhibition, examines 400 years of social activism in New York City. This online exhibition includes a case study focusing women’s activism in the garment industry in the early 1900s. Access the full exhibition at activistnewyork.mcny.org

I Am a Working Girl: Upheaval in the Garment Trades, 1900-1915
This case study in Activist New York examines how activists like Clara Lemlich, Rose Schneiderman, and Frances Perkins organized and advocated for higher wages, better hours, and safer working conditions in New York City garment factories.

Learn about activists, examine photographs and artifacts, and find lesson plans at activistnewyork.mcny.org/exhibition/economic-rights/garment

City of Workers, City of Struggle: How Labor Movements Shaped New York (May 2019-January 2020) traced the social, political, and economic stories of New York City’s diverse communities of working people and considered the past, present, and future of labor in the city. Find associated lesson plans from this exhibition below.

“We Are One”: New York Women’s Activism in the Garment Industry, 1909-1990
This lesson plan introduces students to key events, primary sources, and vocabulary for the history of women’s activism in the International Ladies’ Garment Workers’ Union (ILGWU) from the 1909 Uprising of 20,000 to the 1982 Chinatown Strike. Find it at mcny.org/lesson-plans/city-workers-city-struggle-lesson-we-are-one

Civil Rights and Union Rights: Racial Justice and Labor Politics in 1960s New York City
This lesson plan introduces students to key events, primary sources, and vocabulary for understanding the relationship between the civil rights movement and organized labor in the 1960s. Find it at mcny.org/lesson-plans/city-workers-city-struggle-lesson-civil-rights-and-union-rights

Online Primary and Secondary Sources

This online exhibition is geared toward middle and high school students and features primary sources for exploration. Access it at trianglefire.ilr.cornell.edu/index.html.

Recommended Readings for Young People


Sources on Culturally Responsive and Sustaining Education Practices
The Culturally Responsive Education Hub collects tools and resources, and provides history and context for providing culturally responsive education to all students. Created and maintained by the Education Justice Research and Organizing Collaborative at NYU Metro Center. Access at crehub.org


Recommended Readings for Educators


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