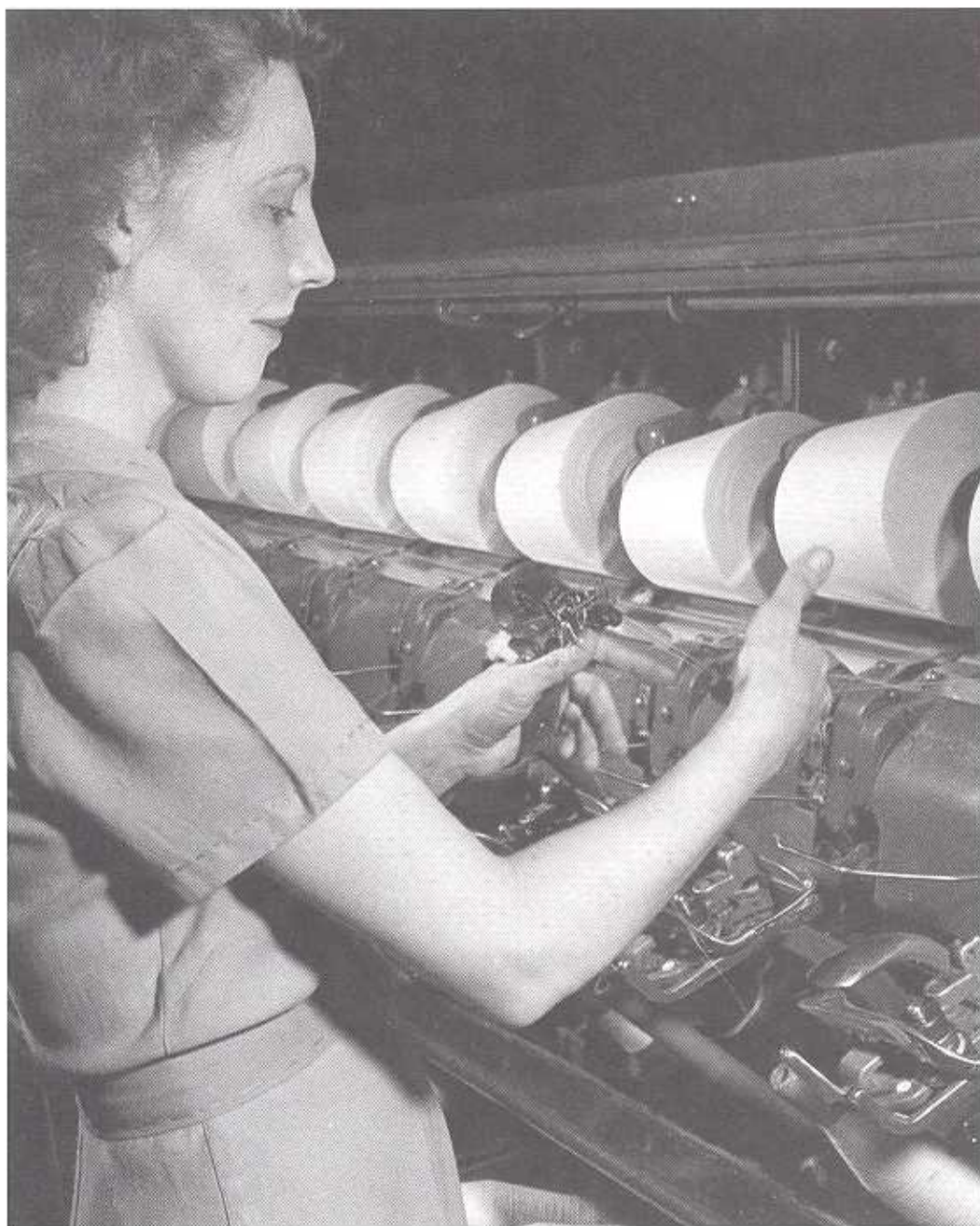


## Female Textile Workers



*Photograph of American Thread Company, courtesy of Windham Textile and History Museum*

## Activities

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### Speaking, Listening and Viewing/ Problem Solving, Reasoning and Creative Thinking

- Examine the photo of the thread mill workers. List some things this photo portrays. What does it tell you about the worker and/or her workplace? When was this photo taken? Can you surmise why it may have been taken, based on your answers to the previous questions? Give the visual evidence.

### Learning Resources and Information Technology/ Writing/ Reading

- Do some research on women and their work. PCSW (Permanent Commission on the Status of Women) is a good place to start. Historically, what types of employment have women obtained? Has it changed? Why or why not?

### Quantifying

- Based on your research create a pie chart depicting the percentages of women in different categories of employment. Create one chart based on statistics from the mid twentieth century and one chart based on the most current statistics available.
- Is a pie chart the best way to represent this information? Why or why not?

### Creative Thinking

- Make a collage from magazines and newspapers showing the types of work women do today. Have a class discussion about what these collages depict.