

## Isabel May McDonald

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### For young learners (Grades 4 to 7)

1. McDonald served in which branch of the Canadian forces from 1942 to 1945?
2. What was McDonald's job before she enlisted? How do you think this prepared her for her role in signals intelligence?
3. Why was it important for McDonald to keep her work secret? What potential dangers could have arisen if she wasn't careful?
4. McDonald's work during the war had to be kept secret. What do you think some advantages and disadvantages were to her kind of work? Write your answers in point form.

### For advanced learners (Grade 8 and up)

5. Imagine you must send secret messages between you and your friends during the Covid-19 quarantine. Create your own code to message covertly with your friends and compose a list of your symbol or lettering system.
6. How did women's roles during the Second World War differ from their roles during the First World War? Why were these changes important? Consider changes to gender expectations, available work, the type of warfare, and anything else you deem important. This question requires primary and secondary source research.