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While French schoolteachers of the late nineteenth century have been widely celebrated for converting 'peasants into Frenchmen', their interwar counterparts have enjoyed little such acclaim. Both contemporary critics and subsequent scholars have condemned French pacifist schoolteachers of the interwar decades for cultivating antipatriotism and facilitating the defeat of 1940. Mona L. Siegel challenges such equations of teachers' pacifism with national betrayal. Drawn to pacifist ideals in the aftermath of World War I, schoolteachers sought to 'morally disarm' the nation by purging their classrooms of the militaristic images, symbols, narratives, and values that had led their generation to accept war without question in 1914. At the same time, however, their teaching remained rooted in longstanding patriotic and republican traditions. Siegel argues that interwar schoolteachers ultimately solidified French citizens' patriotic loyalties in an era when economic hardship and political extremism threatened to undermine those very ideals.

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ADN	Archives départementales du Nord
ADP	Archives du département et de la ville de Paris
ADS	Archives départementales de la Somme
ADY	Archives départementales de l'Yonne
AN	Archives nationales
APP	Archives de la Préfecture de Police
BMD	Bibliothèque Marguerite Durand
CEP	Certificat d'études primaires
CGT	Confédération générale du travail
CGTU	Confédération générale du travail unitaire
CHS	Centre d'histoire sociale du XXe siècle
L'Ecole du grand Paris	*L'Ecole du grand Paris. Organe mensuel de la section de la Seine du Syndicat national des instituteurs*
EM	Ecole maternelle
EPE	Ecole primaire élémentaire
EPS	Ecole primaire supérieure
FFU	Fédération féministe universitaire
FIAI	Fédération internationale des associations d'instituteurs
FORR	Fédération des officiers de réserve républicaine
GF	Groupes féministes de l'enseignement laïque
INRP	Institut national de recherche pédagogique
LIMEP	Ligue internationale des mères et des éducatrices pour la paix
Manuel général	*Manuel général de l'instruction primaire*
MNE	Musée national de l'éducation
PCF	Parti communiste français

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SFIO	Section française de l'internationale ouvrière
SN	Syndicat national des institutrices et des instituteurs de la France et des colonies

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