



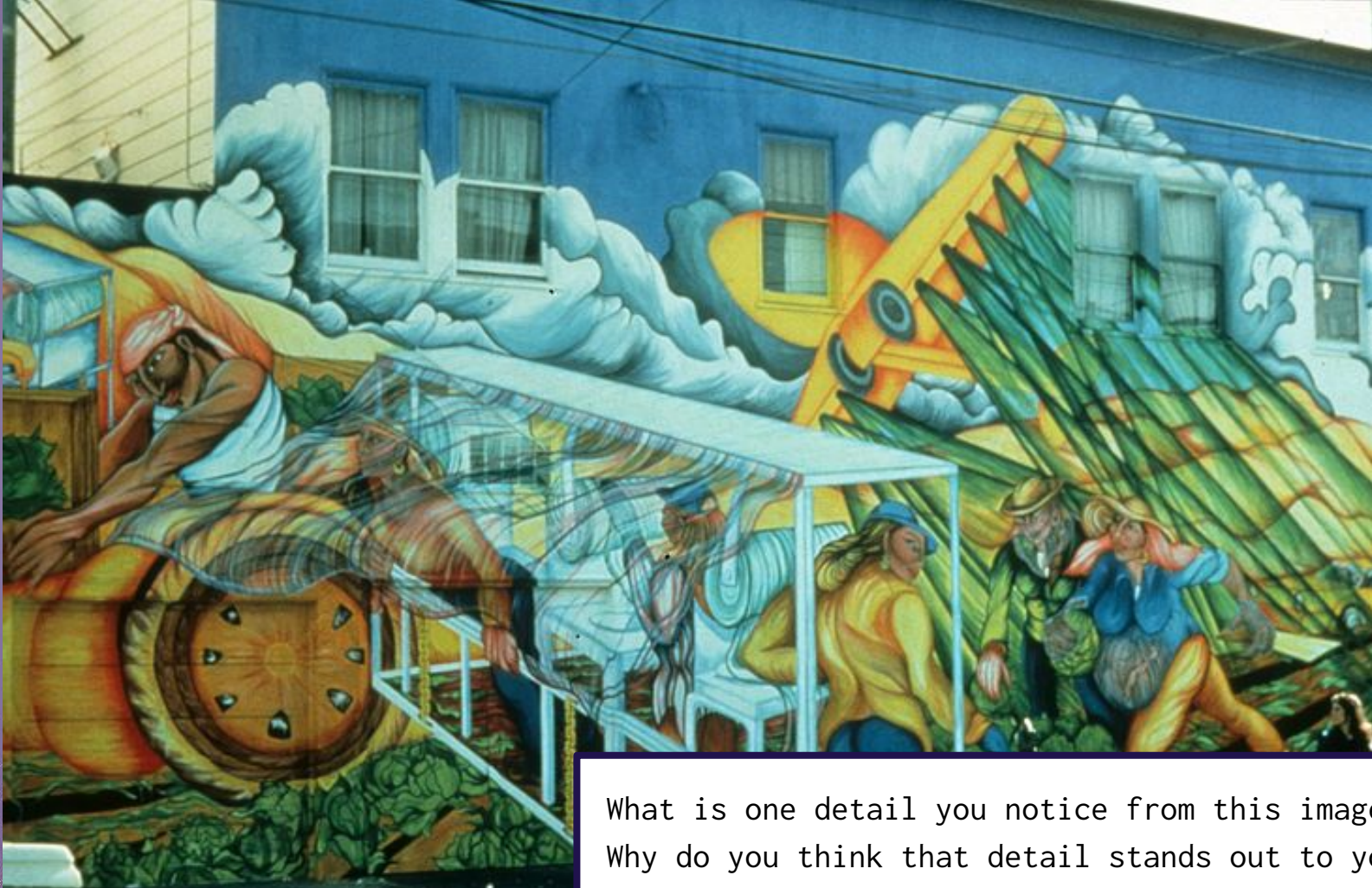
Breaking The Chains Study Guide

Summer 2022: The Woman Worker

Opening Question

What is one type of work you have done? Do you think you were fairly compensated for it? Why or why not?





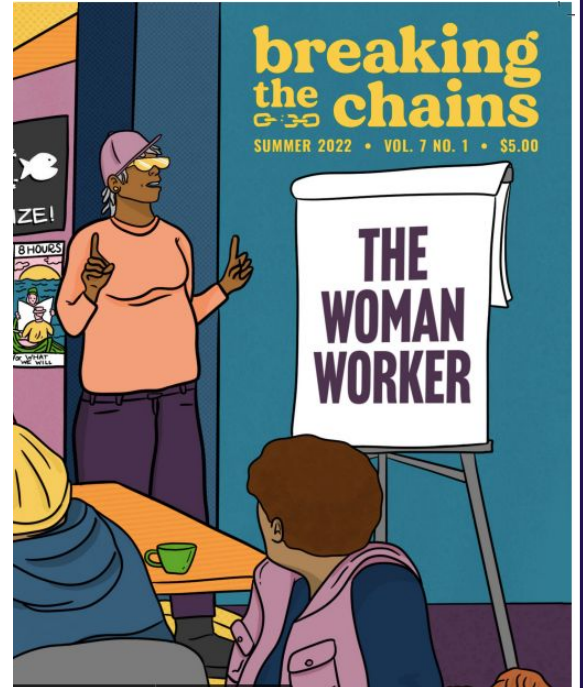
What is one detail you notice from this image?
Why do you think that detail stands out to you?

From The Editor

Read Aloud Structure:

- One person volunteers to begin
- At the end of the paragraph, they stop
- The next volunteer starts reading

Focus Question: What is one point you either agree with, disagree with, or have a question about?



Salt of the Earth (1954) is about a long, difficult strike by Mexican-American miners against the Empire Zinc Company in Bayard, New Mexico in 1950-1951.

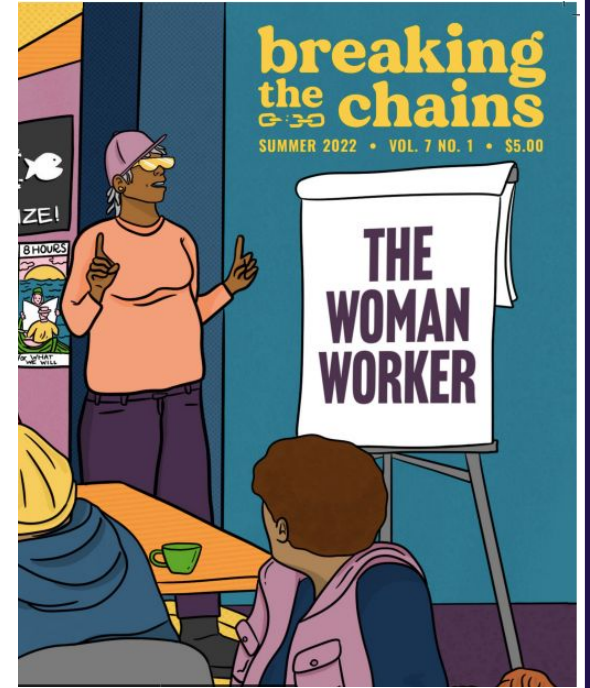


What do you think is the purpose of this domestic scene?

Women's Triple Load: the crushing weight of carework under capitalism

Focus Questions:

- According to the article, why is much of carework underpaid or unpaid?
- What are some progressive alternatives to providing carework that the article suggests?
- How does this article connect to your own experiences and ideas?



Atlanta Washerwoman Strike of 1881

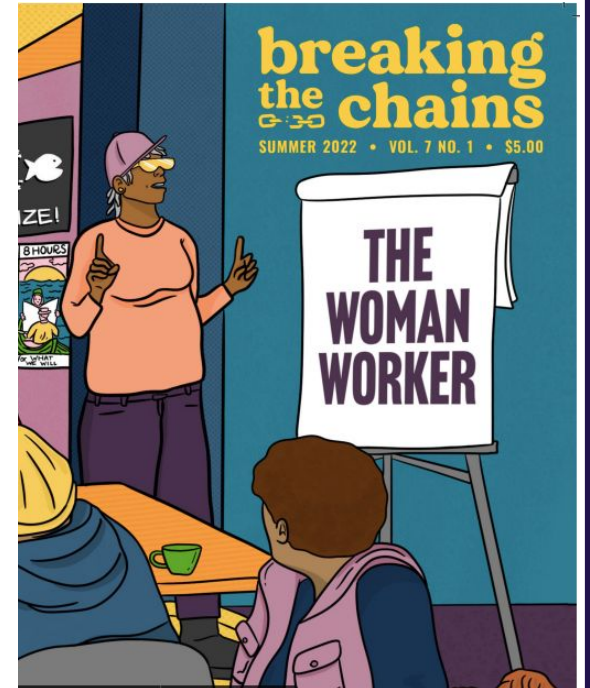


What lessons can we learn from the Atlanta Washerwoman Strike of 1881?

Struggle Reveals Revolutionary Potential of Women Workers

Focus Questions:

- According to this article, how much has COVID impacted the American workforce?
- The article refers to the “stirrings of a labor resurgence.” What are some examples of this resurgence? Have you encountered this in your workplace?
- Either in the article or in your own experience, why are women important to labor organizing efforts?



Closing Activity



What is one idea from today's study group that you want to bring into your own workplace, organizing, or life?

Write your answer on a post-it! You will have the **OPTION** of sharing it aloud with the group, and/or adding it to the poster.

