

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

2024 Theme: Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion



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01.

History



Women's History Month



1. 2024 Theme: *“Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion”*
2. March 8th is International Women’s Day
3. We reflect on the contributions women have made in the past
4. We celebrate the contributions women continue to make today
5. We advocate for women’s equality all year long

Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

- Theme recognizes women throughout the country who understand that, for a positive future, we need to eliminate bias and discrimination entirely from our lives and institutions
- Recognize the example of women who are committed to embracing everyone and excluding no one in our common quest for freedom and opportunity

Women's History Timeline

1978

A California school district (Sonoma, CA) had a weeklong celebration of women's contributions to culture, history and society.

1980

President Jimmy Carter declared the week of March 8th, National Women's History Week.

1987

The National Women's History Project petitioned for the entire month be dedicated to Women's History.

1989-94

Congress passed additional resolutions requesting and authorizing the President to proclaim March of each year as Women's History Month

1995

Each president has issued an annual proclamation designating the month of March as "Women's History Month."

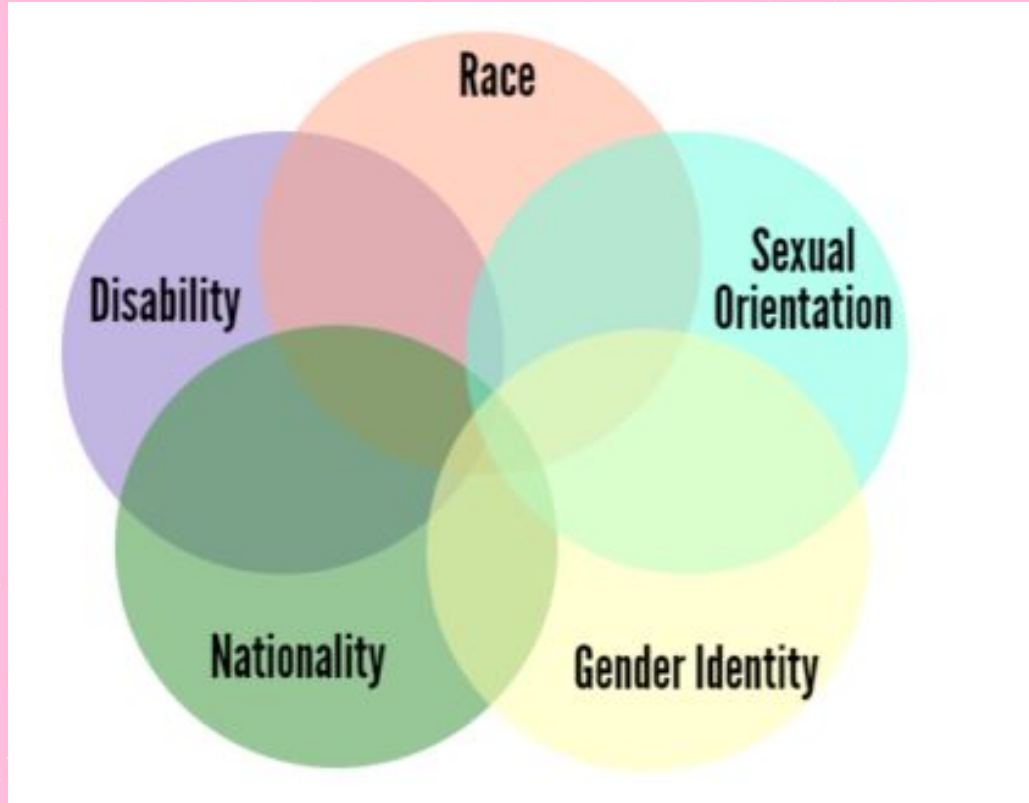
Feminism

the advocacy of women's rights on the basis of the equality of the sexes

- First Wave: 1848 - 1920
 - First organized movement aimed at gaining rights for American women
- Second Wave: 1963 - 1980s
 - Feminism—or “women’s liberation”—gained strength as a political force in the 1970s, as Betty Friedan, Gloria Steinem and Bella Abzug founded the National Women’s Political Caucus
- Third Wave: 1990s -
 - Encouraged women to express their individuality, fight against sexual harassment and sought to be more inclusive.
- Fourth Wave: Present Day
 - Continued with the concept of intersectionality, and how the movement can be inclusive and representative regardless of sexuality, race, class and gender

Intersectionality

The interconnected nature of social categorizations such as race, class, and gender as they apply to a given individual or group, regarded as creating overlapping and interdependent systems of discrimination or disadvantage



Sophie Cruz

★ American Activist (2010 - Present)

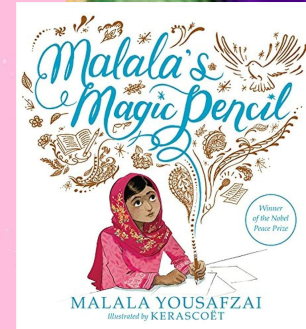
- Known as one of the youngest activists in the world. She began her activism at the age of 5, and advocates for the DAPA (Deferred Action for Parents of Americans) program.
- Sophie's parents migrated to the United States from Oaxaca, Mexico.
- During her speech at the 2017 Women's March in Washington DC, Sophie made a powerful statement about immigration and the separation of families,
- **"Let us fight with love, faith and courage so that our families will not be destroyed." - Sophie Cruz**
- Sophie's Speech (English/Spanish) - Sophie Cruz at Women's March



Malala Yousafzai

Female Education Activist (1997 - Present)

- Pakistani activist for female education
- Malala began speaking out for a woman's right to education in Pakistan as early as 11 years old.
- Malala was injured in an attempt on her life in 2012 as she rode on a school bus. She survived, continued her schooling and activism, and was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014.
- Malala opened a school for refugees near Syria in 2015, on her 18th birthday.
- Malala recently graduated from Oxford University in 2020 and continues her activism to this day. Malala offers HOPE to all girls who might currently not have the right to an education.
- Malala Talking About Her Children's Book: The Magic Pencil



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for read
aloud

Althea Gibson

Professional Tennis Player (1927 - 2003)

- The first Black player to compete at Wimbledon in 1951, where she won Women's singles and doubles
- Won the U.S. Open in 1958
- After earning an athletic scholarship, Althea considered quitting sports because of the barriers she experienced as a result of segregation
- The #1 tennis player, Alice Marble, criticized the sport for denying Althea to compete at such a high level when she was clearly qualified
- She took up Gold and was the first Black woman to compete on a pro tour
- First Black Tennis Champion-Fast Facts Video
- Althea Gibson: She Always Wanted to Be Somebody Video



02.

Primary Resources



Elementary Resources



Counting on Katherine Read aloud
Hidden Figure STEM Activity

Material you will need:

- aluminum foil
- tape
- string
- scissors
- plastic shopping bags and/or coffee filters
- timer



BrainPop Women's
History



What is Women's
History Month?



Watch a video
about what a Gee
Bend Quilt is, then
make your own
Gee's Bend Quilt

Gee's Bend Quilt
Read aloud

Gee Bend Paper
Quilt Lesson - 2nd
lesson (scroll
down)

03.

Secondary Resources



Secondary Resources

- Women's History Month Word Clouds
 - Students create "word clouds" using excerpts of letters and speeches by famous women.
- Women and Congress
 - Students explore the benefits of increasing women's congressional representation.
- National Women's History Month Scrapbook
 - Students explore the accomplishments of women in U.S. history with your class by creating a scrapbook that highlights the accomplishments of famous American women.
- Women's History Month
 - A collection of galleries, lesson plans, documents, and videos for grades 6-12 from PBS's Independent Lens series.

04.

Ideas for All Ages





Research

Research and write about a woman who peaks their interest

Drawing

Incorporate easy directed drawings of women

Example: Malala

Notes

Write a note to a special woman in their life.

Everyday Strong Women

Moms,
Aunts,
Sisters,
Cousins,
Teachers,
Friends



Strong women
are
everywhere.



Additional Resources

- [Timeline Towards Equality](#)
- [Discover Her Story](#)
- [Digital Classroom Resources](#)
- [Lesson Plans](#)
- [Picture Book Biographies List](#)
- [100 Women Who Inspire Us to Vote](#)
- [50 Women Who Are Changing the World Today](#)