

Women's History Month Activity Packet



Women's History Month

Dear Colleague,

March is Women's History Month! What a wonderful opportunity to celebrate all the heroic, inventive, courageous, bold, and amazing things that women around the world have accomplished. Help broaden your students' horizons by helping them understand and appreciate the women have played a huge role in the history of our country and in the world overall!

While by no means an exhaustive list, here are some women you may want to highlight:

- Jane Austen
- Eleanor Roosevelt
- Mother Teresa of Kolkata
- Susan B. Anthony
- Sonia Sotomayor
- Anna May Wong
- Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez
- Harriet Tubman
- Indira Gandhi
- Mae Jemison
- Marie Curie
- Tammy Duckworth
- Helen Keller
- Manal Al Sharif
- Oprah Winfrey
- Sarah Breedlove
- Amelia Earhart

This themed resource packet contains cross-curricular activities and exercises that you can do with your students throughout the month of March to highlight the contributions made by women the world over.

Happy Celebrating!

Activities for Women's History Month

Cereal Box Report

Your students will love taking a trip to the library at school in order to pick out a biography about an impactful woman in history. Whether they choose an astronaut, actor, or author, your students can spend time reading this non-fiction story. After they have read in class or at home, assign a cereal box report.

With the help of some parents, collect empty cereal boxes. Using the information they've gleaned about their subject, ask students to decorate the cereal box in a way that reflects 5 facts about the person they chose.

The title of the cereal should be something that directly relates to the subject, as should the illustrations. On the side of the box, where the ingredients would be listed, students can generate a list of adjectives that describe their woman. On the back of the box, they can list some important accomplishments in her life.

Put the boxes out for display for the whole school to see throughout the month of March.

2 Truths, 1 Lie

Each Friday in March, set aside 15 minutes of class time in order for students to learn about a famous woman in history. Before reading a short excerpt about the person, capture students' interest by playing a quick game called, "2 Truths, 1 Lie."

Visually post two true statements and 1 lie about the subject. Allow students to guess which statement is not true. All statements should be incredible or unbelievable in some way, so that it is difficult for the children to detect the lie.

Once you have their attention, continue with your facts!

Write About a Female Personal Heroine

As a way to honor famous women in history, invite students to write about a woman in their own life who has significant meaning to them. This is a great journal warm-up or even a wonderful Writer's Workshop topic.

If you want to make it a very personalized activity, you can require students to write about a woman in their family who is a hero to them, and wrap up Women's History Month by reading the writing pieces in front of their subjects at a classroom party.

Invite the real-life heroines into your classroom and put out some cookies and refreshments for all to enjoy during the readings. This is a wonderful way to honor the special women in your students' lives.

Math Center Subtraction

This activity incorporates Women's History Month into your math class centers. Inside a file folder, write a basic sentence or two that contains a fact about a famous woman. List her birthdate and the date she died. Ask students to set up a subtraction problem to determine how long she lived. Be sure to laminate all folders and provide wipe off markers and erasers for the center to run smoothly.

You can also draw timelines (essentially number lines) inside the file folders and have students practice placing significant dates in the proper order on the line, based on facts that you provide students with.

Tribute to Marie Curie

As a tribute to Marie Curie, you can conduct a science experiment or STEM activity in the scientist's honor! Letting students know that women (and not just men) have done amazing things in the scientific field, you can take this opportunity to teach your students about the Periodic Table of the Elements.

A very fun and kid-friendly way to do this is to play a [Brainpop Video](#) on the subject and complete the quiz at the end of the clip as a whole group. Because Ms. Curie found two new elements through the use of experimentation, invite your students to create a new invention of their own.

With the help of colleagues and families, collect some items that were going to be thrown away, such as paper towel rolls, old cell phone chargers, wires, nuts, bolts, and containers. These can be divided between groups of students. With nothing but the instruction to design a new invention using only the objects assigned; things can get pretty interesting!

Rubrics, Worksheets, and Materials

1. Cereal Box Checklist Rubric
2. 2 Truths, 1 Lie Facts and Lies
3. Math Center Subtraction Dates
4. Math Center Timelines
5. My Personal Heroine Writing Prompt
6. Parent Letter for New Invention Project Materials

Cereal Box Checklist Rubric

Name _____

- () The title of my cereal reflects the woman that I selected. 5 pts.
- () I listed at least 5 adjectives that describe my subject. 5 pts.
- () I wrote at least 5 accomplishments that my subject achieved on the back of the box. 5 pts.
- () My cereal box is colorful and put together neatly. 5 pts.
- () I used my best spelling, handwriting, and ideas. 5 pts.

Total: _____ / 25 pts. _____ %

Teacher Comments:

2 Truths, 1 Lie

Week 1:

Helen Keller

1. She was great friends with Mark Twain.
2. She was the first blind and deaf person to earn a college degree.
3. The first word she learned how to spell was hello.

Lie: #3. The first word she learned how to spell was water.

Week 2:

Rosa Parks

1. She was not the first African American woman to be arrested for refusing to give up her seat on the bus.
2. She was never bullied again after her bus protest.
3. She was jailed for a second time, weeks after her arrest.

Lie: #2. She was threatened after the protest and her family moved to Detroit.

Week 3:

Susan B. Anthony

1. She was fined \$100 for voting in the presidential election in 1872 and refused to pay.
2. She was featured on a rare dollar bill to honor her.
3. She was a very smart child, learning how to read and write at the age of 3.

Lie: #2. She was featured on a special coin called the Susan B. Anthony Dollar.

Week 4:

Anne Frank

1. The day before she went into hiding, her family decorated her room with flowers and let her friends come over to celebrate her 13th birthday.
2. She named her diary, Kitty.
3. Soldiers heard her family making noise in their hiding spot, which is how they got caught.

Lie: #3. An unknown source betrayed the Franks and told of their secret hiding spot.

Math Center Subtraction

Teacher directions:

Cut out each strip. Glue the strip in a file folder. Laminate the folder and provide students with a dry erase marker and eraser.

Marie Curie was born in 1867 and died in 1934. How long did she live?
Eleanor Roosevelt was born in 1884 and died in 1962. How long did she live?
Sojourner Truth was born in 1797 and died in 1883. How long did she live?
Oprah Winfrey was born in 1954. How old is she today?
Michelle Obama was born in 1963. How old is she today?
Amelia Earhart was born in 1897. If she took flight in 1937, how old was she at this time?
Jane Austen was born in 1775. Her first novel was officially published in 1811. How old was she?

Math Center Timelines

Teacher Directions:

Cut out each timeline strip. Glue the strip in a file folder. Laminate the folder and provide students with a dry erase marker and eraser. Instruct them to write the years of significance for each woman in chronological order.

Clara Barton					
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1861	1821	1833	1862	1863	
Mary Edwards Walker					
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1855	1871	1878	1832	1864	
Sacagawea					
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1788	1803	1875	1805	1812	1806

Women's History Month STEM Project

Dear Parents/Guardians,

March is Women's History Month, and we're celebrating in style! Throughout the month, we will be learning about different women throughout the world who have made an impact on society, culture, the arts, science, and politics. One remarkable woman we will learn about is the scientist Marie Curie. As a tribute to Madame Curie, we will be coming up with our own inventions.

I ask that you send in a bag of items that you have around the house that you are going to get rid of. They can be recyclables, nuts and bolts, old wires and cords, and even scraps of fabric or paper towel rolls (just to name a few!).

Please send in these items by _____.

I look forward to seeing what the students create in this group STEM challenge.

Sincerely,