Celebrate Women's History Month!

Did you know that Women's History Month was originally Women's History Week, and that it got its start in Sonoma County, California?

As recently as the 1970s, women's history was virtually an unknown topic in the K-12 curriculum, or in general public consciousness. To address this situation, the Education Task Force of the Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Women initiated a "Women's History Week" celebration for 1978, with a focus on March 8th, International Women's Day. (That's today!)

The local Women's History Week activities were met with an enthusiastic response, and dozens of schools planned special programs for the week, and over 100 community women participated by giving special presentations in classrooms throughout the county. The finale for the week was a celebratory parade and program held in the center of downtown Santa Rosa, California.
And did you know that the National Women’s History Alliance has been there since the very beginning?

When we started out 40 years ago, only 3% of the content of US textbooks was devoted to women. There have been big strides in improving representation, but there is still a long way to go for parity. As we learned in the recent Where are the Women Summit, women still only make up 24% of the historical figures covered.

Below are some excellent resources to help teachers and parents include more women in their classrooms and in their children’s education, including lessons plans, worksheets, and readings for kids of all ages.

**FREE Women’s History Month Lesson Plans**

Educational start-up Analytic Orange has created a wonderful set of lesson plans for Women’s History Month, featuring women from diverse backgrounds. And they are giving it away for FREE!

The giveaway includes middle and high school teachers/students, and is focused on a creating a well-rounded and multi-perspective curriculum.

All you have to do is email them: info@analyticorange.com.

**March is Women’s (Labor) History Month**

The American Labor Studies Center has a number of excellent resources for teachers who would like to ensure that not just the rich and famous women are recognized, but all women who have made their mark on history.

**Suffragist Podcast for All Ages**

OdysseyStage is proud to present: The Suffragist Project, a dramatization based on stories and people who were crucial to the fight
to secure women’s right to vote in the United States.

Spanning the 70+ years from the first organizing meeting in 1848 in Seneca Falls, NY, to the dramatic last minute change of heart vote of one young representative in the Tennessee Legislature, these stories bring the real women and men who fought for and against enfranchisement for women.

The first episode, "More Than a Sentence," features the story of Susan B. Anthony. In 1872, Anthony was tried and convicted for voting in a federal election. More Than a Sentence moves from her arrest in her Rochester home to her famous statement in court prior to sentencing, drawing upon transcriptions of Anthony’s own words to recreate the scene.

Students Celebrate International Women's Day

A great group of young people, the Women for Education, Advocacy & Rights is a middle-school to university level student-led organization dedicated to women’s rights, representation, and equality.

This evening, March 8th, 6:00 PM EST, they're celebrating International Women's Day with a fun online event where participants can play games, chat, and learn about important and overlooked women!

RSVP now!
This DVD covers 72 years of history and the struggles suffragists faced fighting for the 19th Amendment.
12:40 minutes.

This curriculum guide is a teaching guide for the people and events of the Woman Suffrage Movement. Paperback, 30 pages.

This 100% cotton tea towel features a vintage illustration celebrating the women's suffrage movement. 20" x 20", full-color.

$29.95
$9.95
$10.00

2021 Women's History Magazine

To help you celebrate Women's History Month, we’ve created our inaugural issue of the NWHA Women’s History Magazine.

This beautifully produced 32-page, full-color magazine is filled with a variety of women’s history information including articles:

What’s Happening
Statues & Memorials
Equality Day Resolution
Black Suffragists
2021 Honorees
Refusing to be Silenced
NWHA Partners

And make sure you check out the 2021 Women’s History Month Resources section in the NWHA Online Store for everything else you need to celebrate Women’s History Month!

Get your copy today!
Women's History Books for Kids and Teens

We've created a couple of special bookshelves of books for kids and teens featuring important women from American history. Our list Women's History Books for Children has picture books and short chapter books perfect for younger kids.

Our list Women's History Books for Tweens and Young Adults is full of recommendations for longer chapter books, graphic novels and biographies to inspire the bigger kids in your life.

Bookshop is an online bookstore with a mission to financially support local, independent bookstores. They connect shoppers with independent bookstores around the country, helping these shops remain open and vibrant members of their communities.

We have selected hundreds of excellent books that tell the stories of women in American history -- suffragists, trailblazers, and more! For every book you buy from our NWHA Bookshop page, they will send us a 10% commission, and will also send a matching 10% to independent bookshops. It's a win-win-win!

Visit our Bookshop page!