The History of Women's History Month
Before 1970, women's history was rarely the subject of serious study. As historian Mary Beth Norton recalls, "only one or two scholars would have identified themselves as women's historians, and no formal doctoral training in the subject was available anywhere in the country." Since then, however, the field has undergone a metamorphosis. Today almost every college offers women's history courses and most major graduate programs offer doctoral degrees in the field.

The public celebration of women's history in this country began in 1978 as "Women's History Week" in Sonoma County, California. The week including March 8, International Women's Day, was selected. In 1981, Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) and Rep. Barbara Mikulski (D-Md.) co-sponsored a joint Congressional resolution proclaiming a national Women's History Week. In 1987, Congress expanded the celebration to a month, and March was declared Women's History Month.

www.infoplease.com/history-womens-history

Women’s History Month Quiz
11. Who led the fight to criminalize lynching, helped form the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People), and aided many black people who migrated from the South to Chicago?
12. Who became the first female president of Harvard University when she was named its 28th president in 2007?
13. Who became the first woman vice-president candidate on a major political party ticket when selected in 1984?
14. Who volunteered as a nurse during the Civil War, earning the nickname “Mother,” and after peace became an attorney advocating for veterans?
15. Who was the United States delegate to the United Nations who championed and won approval of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948?

www.nwhp.org/resources/quizzes/

2019 Theme
Visionary Women: Champions of Peace & Nonviolence

Web Sites

Biography: Women’s History
www.biography.com/tag/womens-history

FFF: Women’s History Month
www.census.gov/newsroom/facts-for-features/2018/womens-history.html

Education World: Women’s History Month Lesson Plans and Activities
www.educationworld.com/a_special/women_history_lesson_plan.shtml

History: Women’s History Month
www.history.com/topics/holidays/womens-holiday-month

Kidlit Celebrates Women’s History Month
kidlitwhm.blogspot.com/p/internet-resources-for-womens-history.html

Library of Congress: Women’s History Month
womenshistorymonth.gov

National Women’s History Museum
www.nwhm.org/

NYPL: Women’s History in Digital Collections
www.nypl.org/blog/2016/03/28/womens-history-digital-collections

NYPL: Women’s History Month
www.nypl.org/voices/blogs/blog-channels/womens-history

Scholastic: Women Who Changed History
teacher.scholastic.com/activities/women/

Women’s History Month 2018 Facts & Worksheets
kidskonnect.com/history/womens-history-month/

Suggested Reading

ALIC: Women
www.archives.gov/research/alic/reference/womens-history.html

Women’s History in Children’s Books
www.kirkusreviews.com/lists/womens-history-childrens-books/

Women’s History Month Book List
blog.press.princeton.edu/2015/03/02/womens-history-month-book-list/

32 Inspiring Books for Women’s History Month
www.weareteachers.com/womens-history-month-books/

Juvenile

Amelia and Eleanor go for a ride: based on a true story, Pam Muñoz Ryan, E RYAN

Great women of the suffrage movement, Dana Meachen Rau, J 324.623 RAU

Girls think of everything: stories of ingenious inventions by women, Catherine Thimmesh, J 920 THIMMESH

A is for Abigail: an almanac of amazing American women, Lynne Cheney, J 920.72 CHENEY

Founding mothers: remembering the ladies, Cokie Roberts, J 920.72 ROBERTS

Heart on fire: Susan B. Anthony votes for president, Ann Malaspina, J B ANTHONY

Meet Julie: an American girl, Megan McDonald, J F AMERICAN GIRLS

Rosie Revere, engineer, Andrea Beaty, E BEATY

Young Adult

Thirty-three (33) things every girl should know about women’s history: from suffragettes to skirt lengths to the E.R.A, Tonya Bolden (ed), YA 305.409 THINGS

Non Fiction

Shaping Hawaii: the voices of women, Joyce Chapman Lebra, H 996.903 LEB

Negroland: a memoir by Margo Jefferson B JEFFERSON

Not for ourselves alone: the story of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony, Geoffrey C. Ward, 305.42 WAR

A history of the American suffragist movement, Doris Weatherford, 324.6230973 WEATHERFORD

Few Good Women: America’s Military Women from World War I to the Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, Evelyn Monahan, 355.0082 MONAHAN

The astronaut wives club: a true story, Lily Koppel, 629.450092 KOPPEL

The 100 most influential women of all time: a ranking past and present, Deborah G. Felder, 920.72 FEL

Founding mothers: the women who raised our nation, Cokie Roberts, 973.3092 ROB