

MARCH IS

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

ELEMENTARY LEVEL

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Use these materials to begin a conversation with elementary grade students about the experiences and accomplishments of women and the importance of their contributions to the history of our state and country.

GUIDING QUESTION

How have women of all backgrounds contributed to the history of our state and country?



EXPLORE

- Explore an online presentation and learn about **Vice-President Kamala D. Harris - her life, accomplishments, and contributions.** <https://www.californiamuseum.org/kamala>
- Watch an interview with **Delores Huerta**, a Californian and Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient, and learn about her role in **organizing and fighting for the rights of farm workers and others.** <https://youtu.be/q7r0HsVjXa8>
- Watch this video to learn more about the struggle for **women's right to vote (Women's Suffrage) and the 19th Amendment.** <https://youtu.be/a9LmBgY-F5A>
- Watch this video about **Eleanor Roosevelt, a First Lady, diplomat, and activist**, and learn how she used her position to help others. <https://ca.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/americon-vid-eleanor-roosevelt/video/>
- Read about the lives and contributions of **women throughout history** such as Amelia Earhart, Susan B. Anthony, Miep Gies, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and Katherine Johnson. <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/history/topic/women-heroes>
- Watch this video about **Patsy Mink, the first Japanese American woman and woman of color elected to the US Congress**, and learn about her fight for women's rights. <https://youtu.be/TanryZ3RDtc>



EXPLAIN

- Based on these resources, share some examples of how women have contributed to the history of our state and country.
- What are some ways that women have overcome barriers to secure equal opportunities for themselves and others? (*Social Justice Standard JU.3-5.15*)



ENGAGE FURTHER

- Visit the **Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park in Richmond, CA** to learn about women's homefront contributions during World War II. Watch the video to meet **Betty Reid Soskin, a ranger at the park**, who retired as the oldest active ranger nationwide. **Park:** <https://www.nps.gov/rori/index.html>; **Video:** <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/betty-reid-soskin-oldest-active-national-park-ranger-retires>
- Watch this video about **NASA trailblazer and role model, Katherine Johnson**, and be inspired by how she pushed boundaries. <https://www.nationalgeographic.org/video/nasa-trailblazer-katherine-johnson>
- Take a virtual field trip and visit this online exhibit showcasing **California women who are changing the world.** <https://www.californiamuseum.org/women-inspire-online>



SECONDARY LEVEL

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Use these materials to begin a conversation with secondary grade students about the experiences and accomplishments of women and the importance of their contributions to the history of our state and country.

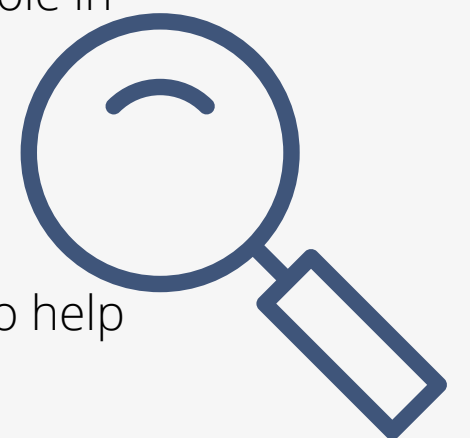
ESSENTIAL QUESTION

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EXPLAIN

- Based on these resources, share some examples of how women have shaped the institutions and practices of our state and country?
- What are some strategies that women have used to overcome barriers and secure equal opportunities for themselves and others? (*Social Justice Standard JU.9-12.15*)



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- Take a virtual field trip to the **National Women's History Museum** to explore a variety of online exhibits. <https://www.womenshistory.org/womens-history/online-exhibits>
- Explore **the strategies and tactics of the women's suffrage movement** through this interactive experience. <https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/features/vote-she-resisted/>

