

March is

WOMEN'S

HISTORY MONTH



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About Women's History Month

Women's History Month was first recognized nationally in 1981 when Congress passed Pub. L. 97-28, which authorized and requested the President to proclaim the week beginning March 7, 1982 as "Women's History Week." Every March, New York State joins the nation in celebrating Women's History Month. This time is used to acknowledge the accomplishments and contributions of women in the United States.

Women have played an essential part in New York and United States history.

They have helped to shape laws, changed the course of history, made great strides in science, politics, sports, literature, art and many other areas. They have fought for the right to vote, go to school, earn wages, serve on juries and in the military, fought discrimination and continue to effect change.

There are countless women from New York State whose efforts are noteworthy. While there are some

names we recognize, there are numerous others we may not, but they continue to make life better for everyone.

One of the key events for the advancement of women's issues was the Women's Suffrage Movement which was born in New York State. The Movement held its first convention in Seneca Falls on July 19 and 20, 1848. This important event became the key to empowerment and change.

A FEW NEW YORK WOMEN OF NOTE...



Susan B. Anthony (1820-1906) Susan B. Anthony was a civil rights activist and suffragist who campaigned against slavery and for women to be given the right to vote. On her quest for equality, she broke the law in 1872 by voting in a federal election. Susan was one of the founders of the National Woman Suffrage Association and served as the president for eight years.



Ruth Bader Ginsburg (1933-) The second female justice to be confirmed to the Supreme Court of the United States, Ruth Ginsburg was born in Brooklyn, New York. She graduated first in her class at Columbia Law School and later worked as a professor there and Rutgers University.



Sojourner Truth (1797-1883) Born a slave in Ulster County, New York, Isabella Baumfree was bought and sold four times. She eventually ran away in 1827 and had help in buying her freedom. In 1848, she changed her name to Sojourner Truth in an effort to devote her life to Methodism and the abolition of slavery. In 1851 she delivered her famous speech, "Ain't I A Woman?"



Grace Hopper (1906-1992) Born in New York City, Grace Hopper was a pioneer in developing computer technology. She taught mathematics at Vassar College in Poughkeepsie and later joined the Naval Reserve in 1943. In 1969, she was awarded the first-ever Computer Science Man-of-the-Year Award from the Data Processing Management Association.



Constance Baker Motley (1921-2005) Constance Baker Motley was the first African-American woman to attend and receive a degree from Columbia University School of Law. She was also the first African-American woman elected to the New York State Senate, to serve as Manhattan Borough President, and to hold the post of a federal judge.



Hillary Rodham Clinton (1947-) Hillary Clinton was the first female United States Senator from New York and has served as United States Secretary of State, first lady of the United States, a lawyer and professor. In 2016, she became the first woman chosen to head the presidential ticket of a major party.



Shirley Chisholm (1924-2005) In 1968, Shirley Chisholm became the first African-American woman elected to Congress. She previously served as a New York State Assembly Member. In 1972, she became the first African-American woman to seek the presidential nomination from a major political party.



Eileen Collins (1956-) Born in Elmira, New York, Eileen became the first female astronaut to pilot a space shuttle mission and later became the first shuttle commander. During her employment with the Travis Air Force Base, she flew C-141 cargo planes.

JUMBLE! WORD SCRAMBLE

CAN YOU FIGURE OUT THE ANSWERS? THE WORDS BELOW ARE ALL SCRAMBLED. HINT: THE ANSWERS ARE FOUND IN EACH WOMAN'S EXCERPT.

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WORD SEARCH

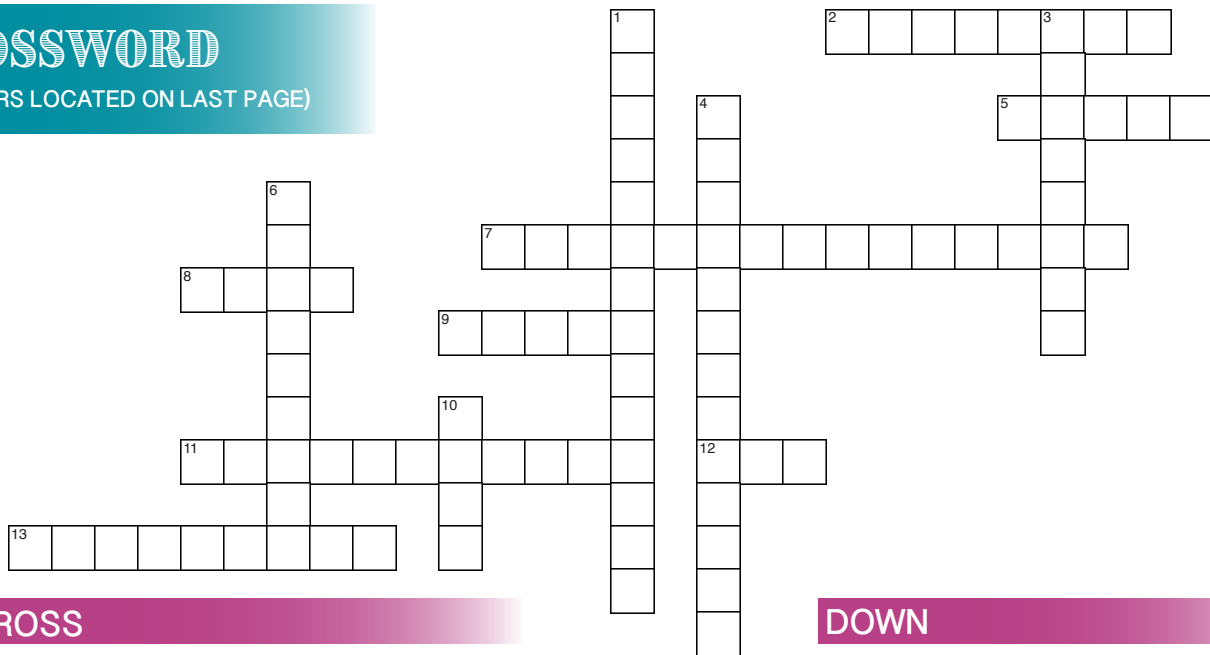
FIND THE FOLLOWING WORDS HIDDEN IN THE PUZZLE BELOW:

- CAMPAINED • SLAVERY • JUSTICE
 CONGRESS • PRESIDENT • ULSTER
 TECHNOLOGY • CLINTON • VOTE • PILOT

Z F I R X N M R D N B D M O J
 G C E J Y T N Z C M S Y Y Q U
 C F A R J T E N C L B J M G S
 O Y L M Y B Z C N Y I G W P T
 N U E A P W S B H G O N R I I
 G L P N A A Y A S N V V T L C
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CROSSWORD

(ANSWERS LOCATED ON LAST PAGE)



ACROSS

- 2. LAW SCHOOL RUTH BADER GINSBURG ATTENDED
- 5. AIN'T I A
- 7. FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMAN ELECTED TO CONGRESS
- 8. SUSAN B. ANTHONY CAMPAIGNED FOR WOMEN TO BE GIVEN THE RIGHT TO
- 9. CONSTANCE BAKER MOTLEY HELD A POST AS A FEDERAL
- 11. SHE PIONEERED IN DEVELOPING COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY
- 12. IN 1872 SUSAN B. ANTHONY BROKE THIS
- 13. HILLARY CLINTON'S JOB FROM 2001-2009

DOWN

- 1. RUNAWAY SLAVE
- 3. CITY WHERE RUTH BADER GINSBURG WAS BORN
- 4. SHE FLEW C-141 CARGO PLANES
- 6. IN FEBRUARY 1995 ELIEEN COLLINS BECAME THE FIRST FEMALE
- 10. NUMBER OF TIMES SOJOURNER TRUTH WAS BOUGHT AND SOLD

Women's History Month Art

PLEASE USE THE SPACE BELOW TO DRAW A PICTURE OF A NEW YORK WOMAN YOU ADMIRE.



Name:

Age:

Name of woman pictured:



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JUMBLE SOLUTIONS: 1. SUFFRAGIST 2. SLAVE
3. PRESIDENT 4. ASSEMBLY 5. COURT 6. COMPUTER
7. PROFESSOR 8. SHUTTLE CROSSWORD ACROSS: 2. BROOKLYN
5. WOMAN 7. SHIRLEYCHISHOLM 8. VOTE
9. JUDGE 11. GRACEHOOPER 12. LAW 13. USSENATOR
CROSSWORD DOWN: 1. SOJOURNERTRUTH 2. BROOKLYN
4. EILEENCOLLINS 6. ASTRONAUT 10. FOUR