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WELCOME TO WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH!

In March, WORLD CHANNEL shines a spotlight on the diverse women whose leadership, creativity, and determination have built this country alongside their male counterparts. This month, we invite audiences to reflect on the contributions of extraordinary American women, and to bring their own stories to the conversation--sourced from family, community, and the lived experience of American women who continue to drive our nation forward.

The activities in this toolkit are designed to engage and inspire in a variety of settings - in personal reflection, in the classroom, at the family dinner table, at the office, and in community gathering spaces. This Women's History Month, WORLD invites you to watch and engage with critically important stories throughout the month of March.

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A Short History of Women's History Month

What we now call Women's History Month originally began as a local celebration in Santa Rosa, California, where the Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Women planned and executed a "Women's History Week" celebration in 1978; the organizers chose the week of March 8, so as to coincide with International Women's Day. The idea quickly caught fire as other communities initiated their own Women's History Week celebrations the following year.

In 1980, a coalition of women's groups—led by the National Women's History Project (now the National Women's History Alliance)—successfully lobbied for national recognition, and in February 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation declaring the Week of March 8th 1980 a National Women's History Week.

As the popularity of the celebration grew and women continued to assert their seat at the national table, Congress passed Public Law 100-9 in 1987, designating March as "Women's History Month."

Women's History Month 2020

This year, Women's History Month also celebrates the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution which extended the franchise to women (enacted August 26, 1920). As a result, the official theme of Women's History Month 2020 is "Valiant Women of the Vote," as designated by the National Women's History Alliance. Learn more about the centennial, [here](#).



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Explore Women's History Month 2020



WOMEN FROM AMERICAN HISTORY AND THE PROGRAMS THAT TELL THEIR STORIES

This month, WORLD Channel will present over 60 films and programs that highlight the extraordinary contributions of extraordinary women in the United States and beyond. Click the button to see a preview or watch the film; click on each woman's photo to learn more!



Independent Lens:

DOLORES

Sunday, March 1

Originally from New Mexico, Dolores Huerta is a labor leader and civil rights activist who, with her former husband Cesar Chavez, co-founded the National Farmworkers Association, which later became the United Farm Workers. Huerta received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2012.



LEAH CHASE: THE QUEEN OF CREOLE CUISINE

Saturday, March 7

Leah Chase, "the Queen of Creole Cuisine," was born January 6, 1923, in New Orleans, Louisiana, of Catholic Creole parents. In 1945, she met and married musician Edgar "Dooky" Chase II, whose parents owned the Dooky Chase Restaurant. Because of Chase, the Dooky Chase Restaurant is known for its good food, antiques and original African American art.



REVOLUTION OF THE HEART: THE DOROTHY DAY STORY

Monday, March 9

Dorothy Day was an activist who worked for such social causes as pacifism and women's suffrage through the prism of the Catholic Church. She co-founded The Catholic Worker, a newspaper promoting Catholic teachings that became very successful and spawned the Catholic Worker Movement, which tackled issues of social justice.



American Experience:

ANNIE OAKLEY:

Friday, March 13

Annie Oakley is a famous marks-woman known for her sharpshooting. During her lifetime she traveled with her husband across the country and abroad showing off her skills with a rifle. She became a star in a male-dominated sport, and legendary throughout the world. social justice.



American Masters:

LOUISA MAY ALCOTT

Friday, March 13

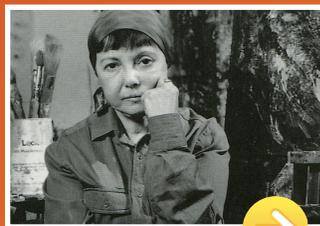
Louisa May Alcott was an American novelist, short story writer and poet best known as the author of the novel Little Women and its sequels Little Men and Jo's Boys. Alcott's books for younger readers have remained steadfastly popular, and the republication of some of her lesser-known works late in the 20th century aroused renewed critical interest in her adult fiction.



IT'S ALL IN THE GAME: THE LETA ANDREWS STORY

Sat, March 14

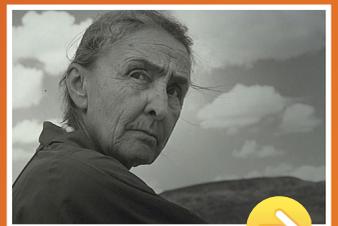
Leta Andrews retired in 2014 as the nation's winningest high school basketball coach. Leta won 1,416 games and led 15 teams to state tournament berths over a 52-year coaching career.



MIRIAM BEERMAN: EXPRESSING THE CHAOS

Monday, March 16

Miriam Beerman is an American painter and printmaker. In 60+ years as a visionary artist, Miriam has overcome loss and tragedy, yet remains creative and strong. Her haunting paintings are housed at prestigious cultural institutions, including the Met and Whitney.



GEORGIA O'KEEFFE: A WOMAN ON PAPER

Monday, March 16

Georgia Totto O'Keeffe was an American artist. She was best known for her paintings of enlarged flowers, New York skyscrapers, and New Mexico landscapes. O'Keeffe has been recognized as the "Mother of American modernism".



THE EXTRAORDINARY JOURNEY OF RUTH GRUBER

Wednesday, March 18

Ruth Gruber was an American journalist, photographer, writer, humanitarian, and a United States government official. She was a recipient of the Norman Mailer Prize.



American Masters:

MAYA ANGELOU

Saturday, March 21

Maya Angelou was an American poet, singer, memoirist, and civil rights activist. She published seven autobiographies, three books of essays, several books of poetry, and is credited with a list of plays, movies, and television shows spanning over 50 years.



American Masters:

URSULA K LE GUIN

Monday, March 23

Ursula Kroeber Le Guin was an American author best known for her works of speculative fiction, including science fiction works set in her Hainish universe, and the Earthsea fantasy series.



American Masters:

HARPER LEE

Monday, March 23

Nelle Harper Lee was an American novelist best known for her 1960 novel To Kill a Mockingbird. It won the 1961 Pulitzer Prize and has become a classic of modern American literature. Lee only published two books, yet she was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2007 for her contribution to literature.



MEDICINE WOMAN

Thursday, March 26

Susan LaFlesche Picotte was a Native American doctor and reformer in the late 19th century. She is widely acknowledged as the first Native American to earn a medical degree.



American Masters:

JANIS JOPLIN

Saturday, March 28

Janis Lyn Joplin was an American singer-songwriter who sang rock, soul and blues music. One of the most successful and widely known rock stars of her era, she was known for her powerful mezzo-soprano vocals and "electric" stage presence.



American Experience:

AMELIA EARHART

Sunday, March 29

Amelia Mary Earhart was an American aviation pioneer and author. Earhart was the first female aviator to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean. She set many other records, wrote best-selling books about her flying experiences, and was instrumental in the formation of The Ninety-Nines, an organization for female pilots.



American Masters:

LORRAINE HANSBERRY

Monday, March 30

Lorraine Vivian Hansberry was a playwright and writer. She was the first African-American female author to have a play performed on Broadway. Her best known work, the play A Raisin in the Sun, highlights the lives of Black Americans living under racial segregation in Chicago. Hansberry was the first black playwright and the youngest American to win a New York Critics' Circle award.

QUESTIONS FOR THOUGHT AND DISCUSSION

Expression Through the Arts

Many women whose accomplishments we celebrate during Women’s History Month used artistic expression to share their perspective on the world.

- From Janis Joplin and Lorraine Hansberry to Louisa May Alcott and Georgia O’Keefe— what lessons can you learn from these artists?
- Who are other women artists or creatives that you think are similarly accomplished?
- What can you do to amplify your own talents and work to impact those around you with your creativity?

In First Place

Susan LaFlesche Picotte, the first Native American to earn a medical degree, Annie Oakley, a world famous markswoman and Amelia Earhart, the first female pilot-- all blazed a trail for women who came after them.

- From your perspective, in which male dominated careers have women made the most headway?
- What fields or jobs still struggle the most with female representation?
- How do you reconcile the progress that has been made with the fact that the United States, France, China, Mexico and Japan are all countries that have never had a female head of state?

Charting Your Own Course

From poets to pilots, coaches to community activists, in honor of Women’s History month, we celebrate great women who have charted their own course and lived outside of the narrow ‘acceptable’ roles for women. Reflect on a woman highlighted in this month’s film collection or in your own life who has blazed her own trail (maybe it’s you!). How did her decisions impact her life and the lives of others?

- What challenges did she face?
- What successes did she celebrate?
- What is the greatest lesson you take from her life?

Activism

Dolores Huerta, Dorothy Day, Ruth Gruber, Maya Angelou- women from different eras and diverse backgrounds, united by the common bond of activism. Take a few minutes to explore how each woman fought for and impacted her community in a positive way.

- What common threads can you identify across their experiences?
- What unique talents did they each bring to their work?
- Why have women been so often at the helm of social progress and innovation?

Honoring Legacy

Women’s History Month gives us the opportunity to reflect upon amazing women in history and our lives, honoring their legacy and accomplishments.

- What are you most proud of accomplishing in your own life?
- When you look back on your life, what do you hope your legacy will be?

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