

# Her Story



An issue is a subject or topic that people may have strong feelings about and want to discuss. How can you learn about issues important to women and girls?



## 1. A Girl Scout's Story

Read about Juliette Gordon Low in your *Brownie Girl Scout Handbook*. Or check out her story online at [www.girlscouts.org/girls](http://www.girlscouts.org/girls). Then try to find a woman in your community who was a Girl Scout a long time ago. Invite her to speak to your troop, if possible, or interview her. Find out about her memories of being a Girl Scout.

## 2. Talk to Women

Ask five women to tell you about what they believe are the three most important issues facing women today. Make sure you ask women of different ages, from teenagers to women over 70 years old. Include at least two women from a race or ethnic group different from your own. How are the answers similar or different? Share what you learned with the other girls in your troop or group.

## 3. Create Tales

What are some of your favorite fables and fairy tales? Would these stories be different if they were written today? How would the girls and women in the story be different? Or would they be the same? Change a story to show how today's girls and women would think, feel, or act. Share your story with others. Write it down, draw a comic strip, or act it out.

## 4. A Ceremony to Honor Women

Plan a simple ceremony to honor women. You can recite poems written by girls or women. Or you might like to perform a skit or make up a song about a woman in history or in your

community. If you can play an instrument, play along to the song. Invite women who are special to you to attend the ceremony.

## 5. Help in Your Community

Service is an important part of being a Girl Scout. Look at the section on service on page 92 of your handbook. Would you like to do a service project that helps women and children? Choose a service project you would like to do, with your leader's assistance, from the following list:

- Make baby bundles. Include supplies like diapers, baby wipes, and bottles. Donate them to a community agency.
- With your troop or group, make a quilt to give to a woman and her newborn baby at a local hospital.
- Collect toiletries like toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorants, shampoo, combs, and hairbrushes and give them to a shelter that helps homeless women.

## 6. Your Story

Think about where you will be when you are a grown-up. Create a time line for yourself like the one below. Write in your time line what you would like to do or to have happen in your future.

# Try It!

## My time line

Age

6	get a dog named Spotty
7	sell the most Girl Scout cookies
8	join the soccer league
9	learn to ride a horse
10	learn to play the tuba
11	make scenery for the school play
12	get a baby sitting job
13	run for class president
14	be goalie on the varsity soccer team
15	get a summer job
16	be a foreign exchange student
17	learn to drive a car
18	go to school to be a veterinarian
19	start a pet awareness group
20	help stray dogs and cats
21	vote in an election
22	travel to a distant land with Girl Scouts
23	play a solo in a concert
24	work in an animal clinic
25	have my own horse