Women's Stories



Complete at least four out of 10 activities.

1. Read All About It
Select a magazine article, biography, autobiography, or collection of short essays and read about female role models. Make a list of the characteristics that made them successful. Which of these characteristics do you share and which could be important for your life and your goals?

2. Talk About It
Interview a woman whom you feel is a good role model for you. Record the results with your troop/group, family, or friends.

3. Display It
Collect pictures and articles from magazines or newspapers, draw pictures of contemporary female role models, or do some research online and make a display. Set up your display at a troop/group meeting or at another location where it can be viewed by people in your school or community.

4. In Your Own Family
Make a chart of all the women in your family as far back as you are able to discover. Next to each name, record some information about each woman: her job, her accomplishments, her talents, or any other information you can find out.

5. Oral History
Interview a grandmother or an older female relative or friend and ask her to describe to you the changes in her life, in her community, and in the world that have occurred since she was the same age as you are now.

6. Creative Control
Create a display, poster, map, drawing, story, or skit about one of the following:

- The first female President of the United States.
- The life of a woman 100 years from now.
- A country in which women own the businesses and control the government.

7. A New Game
Create a quiz, puzzle, word search, card game, or other kind of activity on women in history.

8. Moments in History
Create a skit, puppet show, musical play, dance, or shadow box/diorama on one of the following situations:

- Laura Ingalls Wilder moving to a new part of the American West.
- Sojourner Truth meeting Abraham Lincoln.
- Dr. Dian Fossey first making contact with gorillas.
- Amelia Earhart flying solo across the Atlantic.
- Wilma Rudolph winning her three Olympic gold medals.
- Any other famous moment in women's history.

9. Women in the News
Watch the news on television, listen to the news on the radio, or read newspapers or newsmagazines for a week. Keep a record of the number of times women were mentioned, the reason they were mentioned, and their names and nationalities. What can you learn from your chart?

10. Women's Issues
Write a letter or plan a visit to an organization in your community or state that is involved in issues concerning women.