



LOW HANGING FRUIT

Let us March into Women's History Month!

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Until history equitably represents all (so, quarter after never, probably), we in the United States have various themed months that attempt to shed light on the roles of assorted marginalized groups in shaping it. This month, March, is Women's History Month.



First passed by Congress in 1981 as Women's History Week, and extended to encompass the entire month of March in 1987, the aim of Women's History Month is to "celebrate the contributions women have made to the United States and recognize the specific achievements women have made over the course of American history in a variety of fields" ("Women's History Month," n.d.).

To celebrate, Sister Suffragette, pay a visit to the [National Women's History Alliance website](#) for a wealth of history, information, ideas, and resources. Don't stop there! The [Women's History Month website](#) offers a vast array of exhibits and collections, audio and video materials, images, and a curated set of resources for teaching women's history with primary sources from the U.S. National Archives. These materials cover a wide range of topics, everything from arts, culture, and folklife, to women in war, and government, politics, and law. Or, [view an online exhibit](#), [schedule a virtual field trip](#), and take advantage of [a bevy of digital classroom resources](#) (and so much more!), all courtesy of the [National Women's History Museum](#).

Looking to incorporate some thematically appropriate reading material to mark the occasion? [NoveList K-8 Plus](#), freely available at <https://lili.org/>, to the rescue! Do a nonfiction search, and refine the results to meet your needs by using the menu options on the left. Or, from your results list, select the Lists & Articles tab for further guidance.

There are as many ways to mark women's contributions to history in your classroom as there are women of history to celebrate, in March and beyond. The sky is truly the limit! Who knows? You may have your students singing in grateful chorus, "Well done! Well done! Well done, Sister Suffragette!" Here's to the women of history, the present, and the future!

LINKS TO MORE LEARNING



Binge Women's Suffrage!

In the United States we, of course, focus on the struggle for suffrage here, but stories about the fight for women's votes come from around the world. Check out these films on women's suffrage from different parts of the globe.

NOTE: a friendly reminder to preview these movies before sharing them with students. Some content is not appropriate for all ages.

The Divine Order from Switzerland [trailer](#).

Suffragette from the UK [trailer](#).

What Really Happened—Votes for Women from New Zealand [full length feature](#).

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS



Influential Women of Idaho

From politicians to prostitutes, Idaho has its share of influential and colorful women! Learn more about them at the University of Idaho's Digital Initiative's Idaho Women of Influence at

<https://www.lib.uidaho.edu/digital/iwi/>

DIGITAL TOOLS



History Reference Center

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<https://lili.org/dbs/history-reference-center/>. To take a deeper dive, check out the webinar available [here](#) (under the EBSCO tab, in alphabetical order).



