

WOMEN'S HISTORY

LITERACY SET: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Ruby Bridges

Name: _____



POINT OF VIEW:

Biography: Maya Lin

Name: _____

Maya Lin was born in 1959 in Ohio and was the daughter of college professors who had moved to the



MAIN IDEA:

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Name: _____

Directions: Read the paragraphs and find the main idea. Write down three supporting details and then summarize the passage.



CAUSE AND EFFECT:

Pocahontas

Name: _____

born in Virginia around 1595. Chief Powhatan, who... When Pocahontas was... arrived in Virginia and built... At first, the English and... friendly and treat...



Bessie Coleman

Bessie Coleman was born in a one-room, dirt-floored cabin in Atlanta, Texas on January 26, 1892. Her parents were the children of enslaved people and couldn't read or write. When Bessie was eleven years old, her father left the family, and Bessie's mother and two older brothers went to work, while Bessie stayed at home to take care of two younger sisters.



Bessie Coleman, 1921

Bessie attended school until eighth grade in a one-room

Women's History: Shades of Meaning

Mary Ludwig Hayes was born on October 13, 1754, in Trenton, New Jersey. In 1778, she joined her husband on the battlefield during the Revolutionary War. It was summer time and many of the soldiers were tired, hot and thirsty. Mary bravely brought them water from a pitcher, which earned her the nickname Molly Pitcher. Which word would be a stronger word choice for tired?

A. Exhausted B. Energetic C. Normal

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...be a stronger word choice for

B. Inhumane C. Alright

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4TH - 5TH GRADES

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12 PASSAGES

ALIGNED TO KEY READING STANDARDS

CAUSE AND EFFECT:
Pocahontas



Name: _____

Pocahontas was born around 1595. Her father was a powerful chief of the Powhatan people who lived near Chesapeake Bay, as well as other Native American groups. As a small child, her family called her Matoaka. Later, she was nicknamed Pocahontas, meaning *laughing and joyous one*.

In 1607, three ships from England landed in present-day Virginia. This first group of settlers was sent by the Virginia Company to build an English colony to set up trade in North America. The settlers built Jamestown colony on an island at the edge of Powhatan lands. It was the first permanent English Settlement in North America. Captain John Smith, the leader of Jamestown, wrote that Pocahontas saved his life when he was captured by Powhatan warriors. Although this story is a famous one, some believe that Pocahontas and Smith became friends. She delivered messages between the two groups of people who didn't last and disease.

Problems between the English and the Powhatan people led to an English ship captain, Kidnapping Pocahontas as a prisoner. Argall told Chief Powhatan of the return of prisoners and the two groups couldn't reach an agreement. Some say she was sent to Jamestown. Some say she was traded for food.

During her time in Jamestown, she married John Rolfe. The match helped create a new people. It was called the Powhatan people.

In 1616, the Virginia Company hoped Rolfe would bring Pocahontas back to England. Anne and King James I were interested in her portrait to be used for a coin.

Sadly, before she could return to her home, she passed away. The cause of her death is still unknown. Others say she was poisoned.

Name: _____

Directions: Complete the chart by adding the missing causes and effects.

CAUSE	EFFECT
Pocahontas was first named Matoaka as a child. She had a happy, playful personality.	
	Three ships of English settlers landed in present-day Virginia in 1607.
Pocahontas and John Smith became friends.	
	Pocahontas was forced to stay at Jamestown.
Chief Powhatan and Sir Thomas Dale approved of the marriage between Pocahontas and John Rolfe.	
	The Rolfe family traveled to England.
Before the Rolfe family returned to Virginia, Pocahontas became very sick.	

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- Whole Class Teaching
- Guided Reading
- Independent Work
- Centers or Partners

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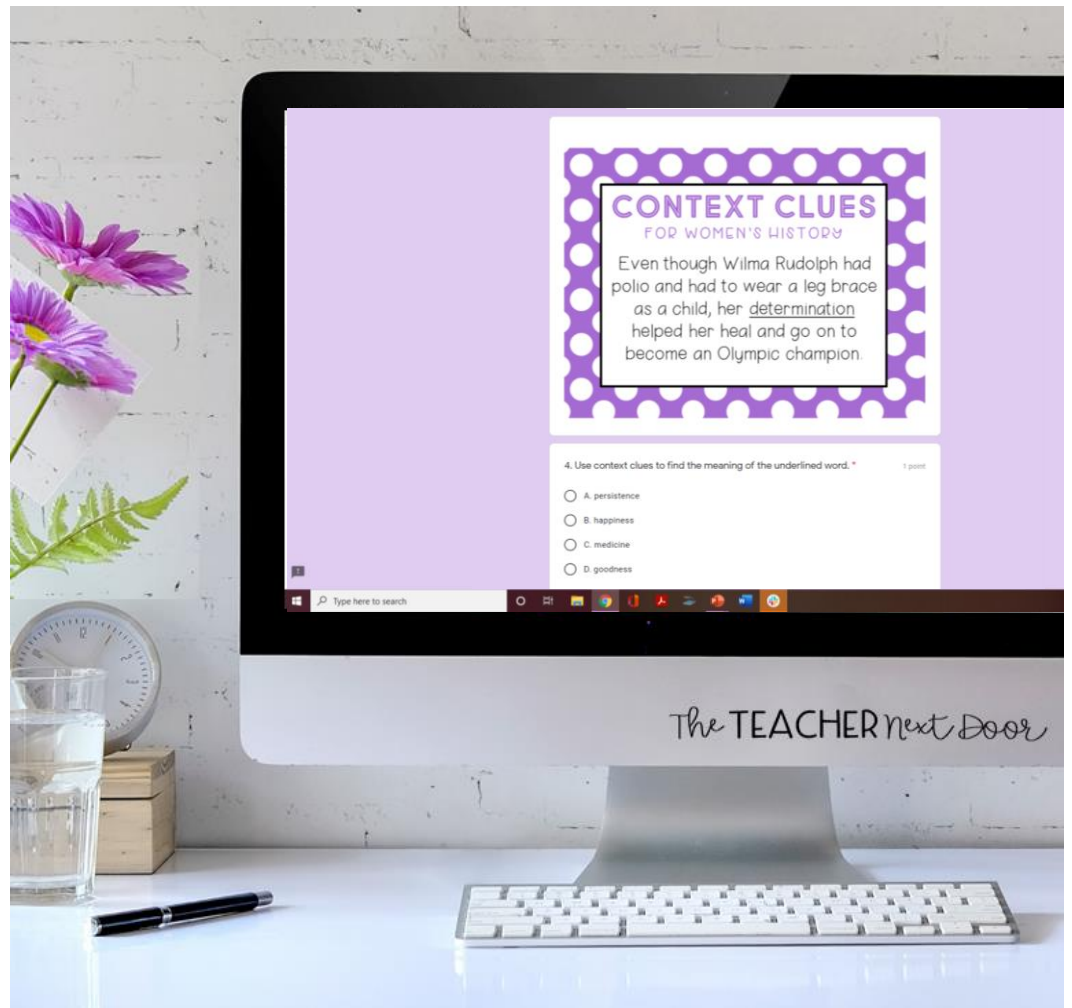
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- 32 Task Cards
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WORKS WELL FOR:

- Independent Work
- Literacy Centers



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

1

Which classrooms would benefit from Women's History materials like this? This resource is for you if you'd like to **introduce your students to trailblazing women** from history in March or any time. It's also for you if your **reading curriculum is lacking in essential reading skills** and you find yourself consistently **searching for resources to supplement** and fill in the gaps.

2

What age is best suited for the Women's History Literacy Set? It was written to align with **4th and 5th grade standards**. The unit includes a variety of materials that can be scaffolded to support students with a range of reading abilities. The bundle can also be used with **older students in need of extra practice** or **younger students who need enrichment**. Teachers, homeschool educators, and tutors have used the materials successfully.

3

How could this resource be used in my classroom? This unit has passages, task cards, and writing activities that are **extremely versatile**. You can use the resource to introduce and **reinforce reading skills** and **social studies concepts**. The materials are perfect for **lessons, centers, small groups, test prep, or as a review**. The possibilities are endless!

32 TASK CARDS: SHADES OF MEANING

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Nellie Bly was born on May 5, 1864, in Cochran's Mills, Pennsylvania. She worked as a journalist for the New York World Newspaper. On one of her assignments, she posed as a mental patient for 10 days in a mental institution on Blackwell's Island. Her goal was to expose the **terrible** conditions that patients had to endure.

Which word would be a stronger word choice for terrible?

A. Bad B. Inhumane C. Alright

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Margaret (Roberts) Thatcher was born on October 13, 1925 in Grantham, England. After becoming a lawyer and a mother of twins, she went on to become the first female Prime Minister of England. She was sometimes called the Iron Lady, for her **strong** political beliefs but she was very popular and served for three terms, from 1979 to 1990.

Which word would be a stronger word choice for strong?

A. Mild B. Feeble C. Fierce

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Can be used for:

- **Exit Slips**
- **Whole Class Games**
- **Literacy Centers**

TIMELINE ACTIVITY AND POETRY

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH:
Make a Timeline

Name _____

Directions: Using a book or a website, fill out the information below about a famous woman. Make sure the events you select are the most important events of her life and that the

The Important Thing Poem
FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY:
Research Page

Name _____

Name of the Important Woman I'm researching _____

Her birth and death dates (if she has passed away) _____

1. Most Important Fact about this Woman...
Why is she famous? What notable thing did she do?

2. Three additional facts about her:
A. _____
B. _____
C. _____

The Important Thing Poem:
FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY

Name (Adapted from Margaret Wise Brown) _____

Title of the Poem _____

The important thing about _____
is _____

But the important thing about _____
is _____

The Important Thing Poem:
BIOGRAPHY EXAMPLES FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

This type of poetry pattern is adapted from Margaret Wise Brown's. The important task: To write this poem, choose an important woman from history and write a sentence telling the most important thing about her life. List three interesting life events, and then end with the exact phrase you used at the beginning of the poem.

Sybil Ludington
By Miss Larson

The important thing about Sybil Ludington is that she rode on horseback to warn colonists that the British army was coming. She was only sixteen. She is often called the female Paul Revere. She was a hero of the Revolutionary War. But the important thing about Sybil Ludington is that she rode on horseback to warn colonists that the British army was coming.

Wilma Rudolph
By Miss Larson

The important thing about Wilma Rudolph is that she was the first American woman to win three gold medals at a single Olympic Games. She had polio when she was young and wore a leg brace. She was a runner. She became a teacher and a coach. But the important thing about Wilma Rudolph is that she was the first American woman to win three gold medals at a single Olympic Games.

LOOK AT THE EXAMPLES.
NOTICE HOW THE FIRST
AND LAST SENTENCES
ARE THE SAME!

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Can be used for:

- **Whole Class Lessons**
- **Small Groups/Partners**
- **Independent Work**

TEACHERS ARE SAYING THIS:

Yes, yes, yes! I love this product and cannot wait to use it next year as well. It was great to take a few moments each day and talk about the women on these slides. I love how there are women in here that they know about and introduces them to new people! Highly recommend.
(Middle on Fleek)

Such a great comprehensive resource for women's history! Love the integrated skills.
(Katelyn Rock)

I love that you incorporated different things in the unit, such as main idea, figurative language, and context clues. Thank you!
(Roxanna R.)



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Now, more than ever, teachers need space to be themselves which is why we create and support teachers with timesaving tips and standards-aligned resources.

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