

## *Herstory Timeline*

is a three minute and fifteen second movie that illustrates the history of American women, 1607-1996, using new and used stamps from the U.S. Post Office.

The music, *The Woman in Your Life* was composed by Alix Dobkin and sung by Holly Near. (permission granted)

### **Tips for Classroom Use of *Herstory Timeline***

- Show with music. Ask the audience to identify the women they recognized and why.
- Show without music and read Liner Notes aloud.
- The film can be paused at each stamp.
- Allow each viewer to research one woman and discover why the Post Office issued a stamp commemorating her life or achievements.
- Write a short report highlighting the woman's contributions.
- Give each student a piece of colored paper and ask them to depict in art a woman's accomplishment (be sure that it includes her name).
- All students make an oral presentation and then their artwork is glued to a sheet creating a Herstory Quilt.

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### *Chronology of American Women Through Stamps*

(woman, life dates, impact, date of stamp issue)

Pocahontas (1595-1617) Native American helped the men of Jamestown. (1907).

Betsy Ross (1752-1836) upholsterer, sewed the first stars and stripes (1952).

Mary Ludwig Hayes McCauley aka Molly Pitcher (1754 -1832) carried buckets of water to cool the cannons at the Battle of Monmouth, New Jersey. (1928).

Martha Washington (1732-1802) first, First Lady (1902).

Abigail Adams (1744-1818) advocated for rights for women in the new nation. (1985).

Dolley Madison (1768-1849) third, First Lady (1980).

Sacagawea (1788-1812) Lemhi Shoshone guide for explorers Lewis & Clark (1994).

Mary Lyon (1797-1849) founder of Mt. Holyoke College (1987).

Elizabeth Cady Stanton (1815-1902) & Lucretia Mott (1793-1880) founders of the Women's Rights Movement, suffragettes. Carrie Catt (1859-1947) suffragette, founder of League of Women Voters. (1948)

Susan B. Anthony (1820-1906) suffragette, 19th Amendment named after her. (1936).

Sojourner Truth (1797-1883) African-American abolitionist, (1986).

Lucy Stone (1818-1893) founded American Women's Suffrage Association (1968).

Harriet Tubman (1822-1913) conductor on Underground Railroad. (1978).

Harriet Beecher Stowe (1811-1896) author of Uncle Tom's Cabin. (2007).

Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell (1821-1910) first U.S. medical school female graduate (2002).

Dr. Mary Walker (1832-1919) received Medal of Honor for Civil War service. (1982).

Dorothea Dix (1802-1887) advocate for treatment of mentally ill (1983).

Clara Barton (1821-1921) founder of American Red Cross (1948).

Annie Oakley (1860-1926) known as "Little Miss Sure Shot" (1994).

Nellie Cashman (1845-1925) hero of the West, (1994).

Ida B. Wells (1862-1931) journalist who worked to end lynching (1990).

Frances Willard (1839-1898) suffragette, founder of WCTU (1940).

Jane Addams (1860-1935) founder of Hull House, (1940).

Ida M. Tarbell (1857-1944) muckraker investigating the Standard Oil Co. (2002).

Alice Paul (1885-1977) suffragette, author of Equal Rights Amendment (1995).

Mary Cassatt (1844-1926) independent woman impressionist painter (1966).

Edith Wharton (1866-1937) first woman to receive Pulitzer Prize for novel (1980).

Edna St. Vincent Millay (1892-1950) first woman to win Pulitzer Prize for poetry (1981).

Willa Cather (1873-1947) Pulitzer Prize winner for her western novels (1973).

Helen Keller (1880-1968) & Anne Sullivan (1866-1936) overcoming handicaps (1980).

Ma Rainey (1882?-1939) "Mother of the Blues", first to record blues music (1994).

Bessie Coleman (1892-1926) first African-American woman pilot (1995).

Zora Neale Hurston (1891-1960) anthropologist, folklorist and writer (2003).

Eleanor Roosevelt (1882-1962) beloved First Lady, U.N. representative (1982)

Frances Perkins (1882-1965) first woman Secretary of Labor (1980)

Mary McLeod Bethune (1875-1955) educator, Bethune-Cookman College (1985)

Marian Anderson (1897-1993) singing for civil rights, Pres. Medal of Freedom (2005)

Hattie McDaniel (1895-1952) first African-American to win an Academy Award (2006)

Amelia Earhart (1897-1937) first woman pilot to cross the Atlantic Ocean (1963)

Babe Zaharias (1911-1956) 1932 Olympic champion in 3 sports, pro golfer (1981)

Rosie the Riveter symbol of women workers in World War II (1999)

Ella Baker (1903-1986) & Ruby Hurley (1909-1980) civil rights pioneers (2009)

Marjorie Rawlings (1896-1953) Pulitzer Prize winning novel, *The Yearling* (2006)

Katherine Porter (1890-1980) Pulitzer award winning novelist *Ship of Fools* (2006)

Rachel Carson (1907-1964) scientist & author, *Silent Spring* (1981)

Grandma Moses (1860-1961) self taught artist, of rural homespun New York (1969)

Wilma Rudolph (1940-1994) 1960 first woman to win three Olympic gold medals (2004)

Judy Garland (1922-1969) Actress and singer, the movies "star of stars" (2006)

Bette Davis (1908-1989) movie actress, 10 nominations & two Academy Awards (2008)

Patricia Roberts Harris (1924-1985) first Sec. of Health, Education, Welfare (2000)

Ella Fitzgerald (1917-1996) "The First Lady of Song" jazz singer (2007)