






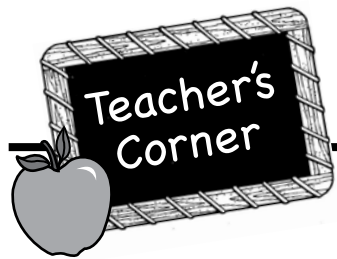




# March 2011

## Monthly Celebration: National Women's History Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> First observation of Women's History Week in 1978.	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Birth date of <b>Jackie Joyner Kersee</b> in 1962, Olympic athlete. See <i>Women of the Prairie State, IL.</i> 	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Death of <b>Susan McKinney Steward</b> , in 1918, physician. See <i>Women of the Empire State, NY.</i> 	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Louise Bethune</b> , architect, is inducted into Women's Hall of Fame in 2006. See <i>Women of the Empire State, NY.</i>	<b>10</b> Birth Date of <b>Clare Boothe Luce</b> in 1903, writer. See <i>Women of Empire State, NY.</i>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> Daylight Saving Time Begins 	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Birth Date of <b>Ruth Joan Bader</b> in 1933, Supreme Court Justice. See <i>Women of Empire State, NY.</i> 	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  St. Patrick's Day	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Birth date of <b>Ruth Law</b> in 1887, pilot. See <i>Women of the Golden State, CA.</i> 	<b>22</b> The Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) is passed in 1972 by Congress.	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Birth date of <b>Nancy Pelosi</b> in 1940, former Speaker of the House. See <i>Women of the Golden State, CA.</i> 
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Birth date of <b>Grace Hartigan</b> in 1922, artist. See <i>Women of Empire State, NY.</i>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> The National Council of Women of the U.S. is organized in 1888—the oldest women's organization in U.S.		



# National Women's History Month

National Women's History Month was first celebrated as International Women's Day in 1911. National Women's History Month recognizes the contributions of women in history and in today's society. As the popularity of the celebration increased, the event grew into a week-long celebration, and finally, into a month-long celebration as declared by Congress in 1987.

## Celebrate National Women's History Month with these Apprentice Shop Books:

- *America's Notable Women Series\**
- *To My Countrywomen: The Life of Sarah Josepha Hale*

## Links To Explore:

- National Women's History Museum:  
<http://www.nwhm.org/>
- International Women's Day:  
<http://www.internationalwomensday.com/>
- National Women's History Project:  
<http://www.nwhp.org/>

## Suggested Activity: Main Idea and Supporting Details

Have students choose a profile from the *America's Notable Women Series*. Tell students they will write a 5-paragraph essay that will state the main idea(s) of the profile's selection. They will support their main idea(s) with important details from the selection.

Use the suggested organization for the 5-paragraph essay:

- Paragraph 1: Introduction with stated main idea(s)
- Paragraph 2: Supporting detail 1
- Paragraph 3: Supporting detail 2
- Paragraph 4: Supporting detail 3
- Paragraph 5: Conclusion. Write 2–3 sentences to summarize your main idea(s)

## Other Celebrations in March

### 🦋 American Red Cross Month

Read about other women in healthcare (such as Mary Mahoney or Dr. Aida Luz Masonet Giachello and others) in the *America's Notable Women Series*.

#### Link to Explore:

- American Red Cross Museum  
<http://www.redcross.org/museum>

### 🦋 Expanding Girls' Horizons in Science and Math Month

Read about other women in science (such as Mary Bunting or Jeanette Piccard and others) in the *America's Notable Women Series*.

#### Link to Explore:

- Expanding Your Horizons web site:  
<http://www.expandingyourhorizons.org>

Students should use the following writing process of creating an outline, writing a draft, revising their draft, and writing a final draft. Remind students they can find supporting details through the use of direct quotes from the selection, images, and the timeline.

Main ideas may sometimes be found in the last paragraph.

- Standards Correlation: Common Core Reading Anchor Standards: 5.2
- Common Core Reading Informational Texts 5.1, 5.2
- Common Core Anchor Writing Standard 5.5
- See NCTE/IRA Reading Standards Correlation Chart for matching standards.

\* *America's Notable Women Series*= *Women of the Bay State*; *Women of the Empire State*; *Women of Granite*; *Women of the Lone Star State*; *Women of Prairie State*.