



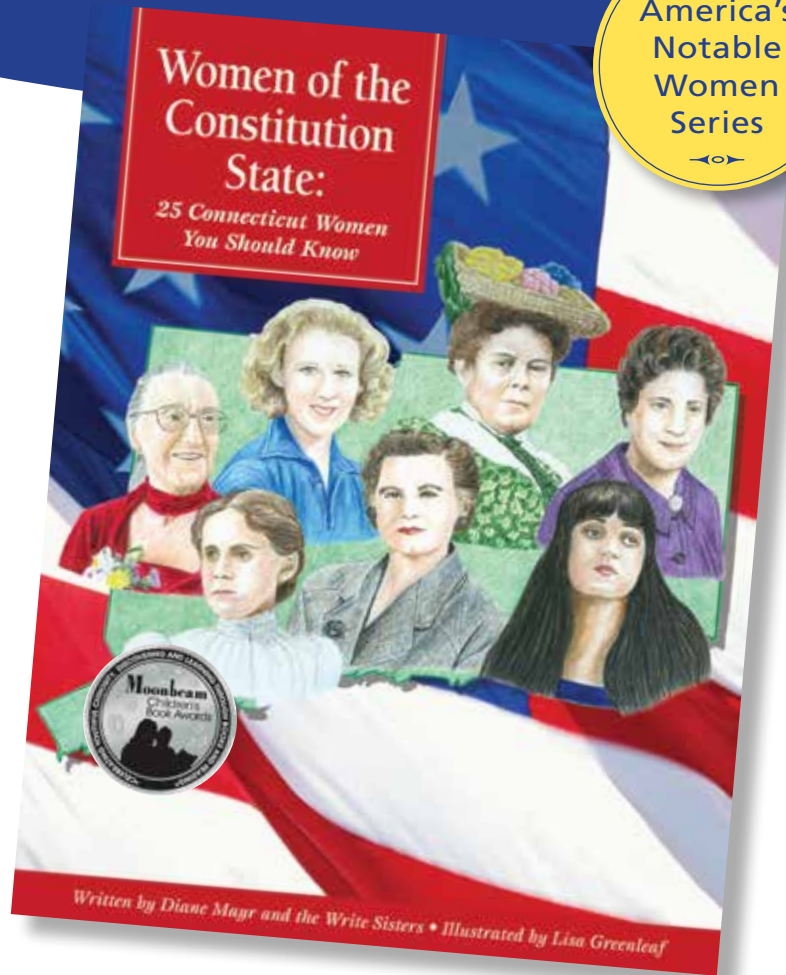
Women of the Constitution State: 25 Connecticut Women You Should Know

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Introduce students to incredible Connecticut women—from the Revolutionary War through today—who influenced the arts, science, and society.

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Featuring 25 Connecticut Women

Sarah Kemble Knight: *Business Woman and Traveler*

Hannah Bunce Watson: *Patriot Publisher*

Abby Hadassah Smith: *Speaker for Women's Rights*

Sarah Porter: *Lifelong Learner*

Emma Fielding Baker: *Medicine Woman*

Emeline Roberts Jones: *First Woman Dentist*

Ida Tarbell: *Muckraker*

Mabel Osgood Wright: *Writer and Naturalist*

Edith Carow Roosevelt: *First Lady of the United States*

Alice Hamilton: *The Worker's Champion*

Martha Minerva Franklin: *Fighting for Equality for Black Nurses*

Evelyn Longman Batchelder: *Sculptor*

Mary L. Jobe Akeley: *Explorer*

Rosa Melba Ponselle: *Born to Sing*

Margaret Fogarty Rudkin: *Founder of Pepperidge Farm*

Anni Albers: *Weaver*

Lucia Chase: *Mother of American Ballet*

Mary Goodrich Jenson: *Girl Pilot*

Ellen Dorrit Hoffleit: *Astronomer*

Ruth Hughes Aarons: *Table Tennis Champion*

Madeleine L'Engle: *Award-winning Author*

Constance Baker Motley: *Civil Rights Lawyer*

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Tidbits from the Women of the Constitution State: Connecticut



Colonial widow **Sarah Kemble Knight** knew about hard work. She ran a stationer's shop, worked as a scrivener and teacher, and rented rooms to boarders.



Abby Hadassah Smith and her sister, Julia, believed that women property owners who paid taxes should also have the right to vote.



Thanks to information written by **Emma Field Baker**, the Mohegan people were recognized as a sovereign Indian nation by the United States government in 1994.



Emmeline Roberts Jones was the first woman dentist in Connecticut.



Ida Tarbell's muckraking articles about the Standard Oil Company monopoly helped the U.S. government shut down its illegal practices.

Mabel Osgood Wright worked hard to get laws passed that would protect birds and create more nature preserves and parks.



First Lady Edith K. Roosevelt oversaw the restoration of the White House including the addition of the offices known as the West Wing.



Alice Hamilton worked tirelessly for the health and safety of industrial workers.



Martha Minerva Franklin organized and became president of the first organization of black nurses in 1908.



One of **Evelyn Longman Batchelder's** most famous sculptures was *The Genius of Electricity* for the AT&T company.

Mount Jobe in British Columbia, Canada honors explorer **Mary L. Jobe Akeley**.



Rosa Melba Ponselle performed at New York City's Metropolitan Opera for nearly 20 years.



Margaret Fogarty Rudkin's delicious bread recipes led to the formation of the Pepperidge Farm baking company.



Lucia Chase, the "Mother of American Ballet" did not start ballet lessons until she was about 20 years old.



Ruth Hughes Aarons was the only American, male or female, to ever win The Table Tennis World Championship.