



Seeing Women and Their Impact

Despite making up at least half the world's population, women are grossly underrepresented in historical and cultural spheres. For every woman mentioned in United States history textbooks, five to seven men are mentioned in the same text.¹ Works by women artists make up between three and five percent of permanent collections in United States and European art museums.² Women's voices and experiences are shared less often than those of men.

These five resources offer first steps toward becoming better acquainted with women who made major impacts throughout history. Take some time to consider the women who have made an impact in your life.

Read

"The Secret History of Women in Coding" by Clive Thompson
<https://goo.gl/Ziksu7>

Thompson, a journalist for *The New York Times*, dives into the history of computer programming. This profession initially included a more equal gender balance than we see in the field today.

Listen

"The History Chicks" from Beckett Graham and Susan Vollenweider
<http://thehistorychicks.com/>

Graham and Vollenweider have been podcasting as The History Chicks since 2011. Their twice monthly episodes are heavily researched chronicles of women from history and literature. Each episode is accompanied by notes and references on their website to inspire further exploration.

¹ Chick, K.A. 2006. Gender balance in K-12 American history textbooks. *Social Studies Research and Practice*, 1 (3), 284-290.

² Chicago, J. 2012. We women artists refuse to be written out of history. *The Guardian*.





“Stuff You Missed in History Class” from How Stuff Works
<http://www.missedinhistory.com/tags/women.htm>

This podcast from How Stuff Works dives into the stories that make up U.S. and world history, providing sourced information and historical context in a manner to rival most history lectures. All episodes featuring historical women have been tagged to make searching easy.

Watch

“Ordinary Women: Daring to Defy History” from Feminist Frequency
<https://goo.gl/jW7TZq>

Anita Sarkeesian of the YouTube channel Feminist Frequency shares short biographies of women deserving of historical renown in this video series launched in 2016. “Ordinary Women: Daring to Defy History” was made possible through a crowdfunding campaign.

“Super Women of our Past! #WomensHistoryMonth” from Google for Education
<https://goo.gl/7tjZRC>

This playlist, curated by Google for Education for Women’s History Month, features video biographies of U.S. women throughout our nation’s history. The videos, ranging from two to seven minutes in length, feature the lives of women artists, scientists, activists, and more.

Reflect and Share

1. What have women in your life accomplished? Have they gotten credit for these accomplishments?
2. What would you say to them to acknowledge what they have accomplished?
3. How can you help to share the stories of women and their work?

