

WOMEN'S HISTORY COMPREHENSION

Name: _____

Women's History L1



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10 figures!

3 levels!

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Women's
History LI

Bessie Coleman

Bessie was born in Atlanta, Texas. In 1921, she became the first African American woman and the first Native American to earn a pilot's license. She became a stunt flier and inspired women and African American to learn how to fly.

1) Who was Bessie Coleman?

- ☐ The first Olympic gymnast from Texas ☐ The first ballerina
☐ The first stunt pilot ☐ The first African American woman pilot

2) When did she become a pilot?

- ☐ 1984 ☐ 1923
☐ 1921 ☐ 1821

3) Where was she born?

- ☐ Atlanta, Georgia ☐ Atlanta, Texas
☐ Dallas, Texas ☐ Nashville, Tennessee

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Women's
History LI

Harriet Tubman

Harriet was born in 1822 to enslaved parents and grew up doing field work, forest work, driving oxen, and hauling logs. In 1849, she escaped slavery using the Underground Railroad. Over 11 years, she rescued around 70 slaves.

1) When did Harriet escape slavery?

- ☐ 1822 ☐ 1949
☐ 1849 ☐ 1821

2) When was she born?

- ☐ 1984 ☐ 1822
☐ 1849 ☐ 1825

3) What was Harriet known for?

- ☐ railroad work ☐ rescuing slaves
☐ rescuing animals ☐ driving oxen

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Maria Tallchief

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1) What was Maria known for?

- ☐ America's first cheerleader ☐ America's first prima ballerina
☐ Famous dance instructor ☐ Famous painter

2) When did she star in the New York City Ballet?

- ☐ 1964 ☐ 1947
☐ 1846 ☐ 1946

3) Which hall of fame was she inducted into?

- ☐ National Women's ☐ Nutcracker
☐ National Dancers ☐ New York

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Women's
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Rita Moreno

Rita landed her first Broadway role at age 13 and acted in many films during the 1950s. She built a career in music, film, TV, and dance that has spanned over 7 decades. She has won an Oscar, Emmy, Tony and Grammy award.

1) At what age did Rita land her first Broadway role?

- ☐ age 13 ☐ age 15
☐ age 31 ☐ age 23

2) What time period did she act in many films?

- ☐ 1920s ☐ 1940s
☐ 1950s ☐ 1930s

3) Which industry did she build her career?

- ☐ film ☐ dance
☐ music ☐ all of these

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Level 7

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Women's
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Helen Keller

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1) When did Helen contract an unknown illness?

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Women's
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Sojourner Truth

Sojourner was born to enslaved parents and only spoke Dutch. In 1826, she escaped to freedom. She spoke at the Ohio Women's Rights Convention in 1851. The speech demanded equal human rights for all women.

1) What language did Sojourner speak as a child?

2) When did she escape slavery?

3) What did she demand in her famous speech?

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Women's
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Pat Danner

Pat was born in Kentucky and grew up in Missouri. Her grandparents emigrated from Lebanon. She became the first woman to chair a regional commission. In 1992, she became a Congresswoman for Missouri's 6th congressional district.

1) Where was Pat born?

2) Where did her grandparents move from?

3) What did she become?

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Women's
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Barbara Jean Lee

Barbara was born on July 16th, 1946 in El Paso, Texas. In 1960, she moved to California with her family. In 1998, she was elected to Congress for the 9th district. She has endorsed Barack Obama and Kamala Harris for president.

1) Where was Barbara born?

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Level 3

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1) When did Helen contract an unknown illness?

☐ as a teenager☐ as an adult☐ as a baby☐ on her birthday

2) When did she receive a Bachelor of Arts degree?

☐ 1984☐ 1804☐ 1905☐ 1904

3) What did she later become?

☐ author and singer☐ painter and scientist☐ author and disability☐ lawyer and author

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Students can practice critical thinking and deductive reasoning to make meaning of the text.

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Answer key included!

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1) Where was Barbara born?

- ☒ El Paso, Texas ☐ Oakland, California
☐ Dallas, Texas ☐ Burbank, California

2) When was she elected to Congress?

- ☐ 1997 ☒ 1998
☐ 1999 ☐ 1989

3) Who did she endorse for president?

- ☐ Harriet Tubman ☐ Donald Trump
☒ Kamala Harris ☐ all of these

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She acted in many films during the 1950s.

3) Which industries did she build her career?

She built her career in the music, film, TV, and dance industries.

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