

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT WORKSHEET

WOMEN'S HISTORY

Program Category:	Women's History
Region Specific?	No
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Title:	Women's History
Description:	<p>The Alice Paul Institute (API) is located in nearby Moorestown, NJ. If you are close enough you could schedule a field trip to Paulsdale, the birthplace and home of Alice Paul. Another option is that API offers "Alice Paul: New Jersey's Heroine for Equality", a 30 -60 minute presentation about Alice Paul's life and work that is available for organizations as well as schools. Staff and trained volunteers visit your location and bring history to life with slides (or a powerpoint presentation), historical replicas, and intriguing stories. There is a fee involved to help offset expenses. Contact Alice Paul Institute, 128 Hooton Road, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054, 856-231-1885 or info@alicepaul.org. Visit the website, alicepaul.org to learn more.</p> <p>The Newport County-East Bay Branch in Rhode Island has developed a great program for Women's History Month that they are offering to other branches. The branch developed a script using the words spoken by nine of the women who attended the first Women's Rights Convention in Worcester in 1850 (e.g. Sojourner Truth, Abby Foster, Lucretia Mott, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucy Stone). There is no memorization required, only some read-aloud practice at home. Their words are very powerful and evoke women's longing to be free to vote, work at chosen vocations, participate in political life, own property, and NOT be merely extensions of their husbands. Period dress can be borrowed from a local high school/college or be left to your imagination and some closet searching. The Newport County-E. Bay Branch has done all the work and the program script is available online at a cost of \$10 or by mail for \$15. Contact Judy Terry, 18 Hunter Road, Portsmouth RI 02871 judy. terry@mindspring.com. All proceeds go to EF.</p> <p>The Lancaster Branch offers a program HERstory LIVE! Having researched and written the scripts, the members of the group present first-person monologues about American women who have made unique and significant contributions throughout history (e.g., Abigail Adams, Sacagawea, Susan B. Anthony, Juliette Low). The performers read from their scripts enhanced with simple costumes and props. The program designed for the enjoyment of all ages. Contact Betty B. Duncan, coordinator, 611 Fairway Drive, Lancaster, PA 17603, 717-393-9029.</p> <p>You can always check out the National Women's History Project website, nwhp.org. The NWHP is the source for information and materials related to women's history. They list speakers available by state and nationally. They also have available books, bookmarks, posters, DVDs, etc. that can be used if you contribute to local schools as a Women's History branch project.</p> <p>Don't forget to look in your own backyard for women of history. You may have a veteran (nurse, soldier, officer) of WWII, Korea, Viet Nam, or the Gulf War, USO Volunteers from these wars, founding members of the community, etc.</p>
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