



ICONIC WOMEN IN LEGAL HISTORY

Viewing Guide for National Association of Colored Women

About the Iconic Women in Legal History Project

Iconic Women In Legal History is designed to educate school students about iconic women in our nation's legal history who have promoted and protected civil rights, fought for equality, and ultimately shaped our present culture. Today women enjoy equal legal access to health care, education, civic participation, and economic justice as a result of generations of advocacy on behalf of women. The project focuses on telling the stories of iconic women who are often overlooked or left out of mainstream textbooks, featuring videos and interviews with historians, legal scholars, relatives, and even the iconic women themselves.

Setting the Stage

1. Name some iconic women who have influenced you? Why do they stand out to you?
2. What women do you remember reading about in history classes at school? Why did those women "make the cut"?
3. Do you feel like some women get overlooked by history? Why or why not?

Specific Discussion Questions – African American Suffragists

1. What role did African American suffragists play in obtaining the women's right to vote?
2. Why was having the right to vote for African American women so important?
3. Why was it important that the African American suffragists form the National Association of Colored Women?
4. Who were key players in the forming of the National Association of Colored Women?
5. Why was it important that African American women had a voice in voting rights versus just African Americans or women?
6. How is the thinking of the African American suffragists still relevant today?
7. What are some of the lessons you learned from hearing about the African American suffragists?

Additional Resources Available on this Iconic Woman

- <https://www.nacwc.com/>
- <https://suffragistmemorial.org/african-american-women-leaders-in-the-suffrage-movement/>
- <https://www.nps.gov/articles/black-women-and-the-fight-for-voting-rights.htm>
- <https://www.udel.edu/udaily/2020/march/Anne-Boylan-Delaware-suffragists-African-American-votes-for-women-centennial-Nineteenth-Amendment/>