



# ICONIC WOMEN IN LEGAL HISTORY

## General Discussion Guide

### 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? Why are they so important 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?

### Follow-Up from Videos

1. What facts about Barbara Jordan stood out to you the most, and why?
2. Did you learn something about her you had not heard before?
3. What stands out to you about what she accomplished over her lifetime?
4. What makes Barbara Jordan 'iconic'?

### Additional Resources on this Iconic Woman in the Law

- [\*Barbara Jordan: Speaking the Truth with Eloquent Thunder\*, by Max R. Sherman](#)
- <https://www.biography.com/law-figure/barbara-jordan>