



ICONIC WOMEN IN LEGAL HISTORY

Viewing Guide for SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR

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 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?

Specific Discussion Questions – SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR

1. In your opinion, why is Sandra Day O'Connor "iconic"?
2. Was it easy for Sandra Day O'Connor to find work as an attorney after graduating for law school?
3. What President appointed Sandra Day O'Connor to the Supreme Court and why was It important?
4. How many women have severed on the Supreme Court since Sandra Day O'Connor was appointed?
5. What are some of the lessons you learned from hearing her story?
6. Have you ever considered a being a lawyer or in the legal profession? Why or why not?

Additional Resources Available on this Iconic Woman

- *First: Sandra Day O'Connor.* By: Evan Thomas
- <https://oconnorinstitute.org/civic-programs/oconnor-history/sandra-day-oconnor-policy-archives-research-library/>