



Girl Connection

For those who serve adolescent females
Iowa Gender-Specific Services Task Force
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“You may not be able to go everywhere.
You may not be able to do everything.
You may not be able to be everybody.
But, by the grace of God, go somewhere, do something, be somebody.”
~ Mary McCleod Bethune (1875-1955)

Bethune was the first in her family born free from slavery. An educator and the first African American woman appointed Administrator of the Office of Minority Affairs for the United States, Bethune also established a school for African American women that later became Bethune-Cookman College.



Not only is it our responsibility to find role models and mentors to support girls in their communities, it is also our responsibility to educate girls about all the women who have come before and been left out of the textbooks. Take the following quiz and see how your knowledge stands up. Answers on page two. No Cheating!

Who Was She?

1. 1st woman to qualify for and complete the Indy 500
2. 1st African American woman to receive the Pulitzer Prize for poetry
3. She was an inspiration to Rosa Parks
4. 1st American woman astronaut
5. She wrote the first version of the Equal Rights Amendment
6. 1st woman to run for President of the United States
7. 1st African American woman elected to Congress
8. Female singer instrumental in getting bilingual education legislation enacted in California
9. Drove a stagecoach across the west without anyone knowing until she died that she was a woman
10. She brought the issue of sexual harassment to public attention with testimony before a senate committee
11. She was named Secretary of Labor and the 1st woman cabinet member
12. 1st woman to have her portrait on a coin

When Did it Happen?

1. Nelly Bly (Elizabeth Cochrane Seaman) traveled around the world in 72 days
2. Officials of Little League Baseball announce that girls can play on teams
3. Equal Rights Amendment was 1st introduced in Congress
4. A woman was the first person ever to go over Niagra Falls in a barrel
5. 1st Women's Rights Convention held in Seneca Falls
6. Girl Scouts founded
7. Nylon stockings debut at twice the price of silk
8. The Barbie doll comes on the market
9. Marion Donovan invents the disposable diaper
10. Roe v. Wade overturns state laws restricting abortion
11. Sandra Day O'Connor is 1st woman appointed to the Supreme Court
12. Wyoming is the 1st state to grant suffrage to women
13. Betty Friedan authors "The Feminine Mystique"

Your Possible Answers

Gwendolyn Brooks, Sally Ride, Septima Clark, Alice Paul, Janet Guthrie, Victoria Woodhill, Charlie Parkhurst, Vikki Carr, Anita Faye Hill, Shirley Chisolm, Francis Perkins, Susan B. Anthony
1890, 1923, 1901, 1848, 1973, 1912, 1950, 1936, 1869, 1974, 1981, 1958, 1963

“Programs must provide positive female role models and mentors.”

Component #4

from *Providing Gender-Specific Services for Adolescent Female Offenders: Guidelines & Resources*,
a publication of the Iowa Commission on the Status of Women.

“In addition to adult female staff who model healthy relationships, programs must also potentiate girls’ relationships ‘of trust and interdependence with other women already present in their lives. Friends, relatives, neighbors, church and social group members can be critical providers of insight, strategy and strength.’ Furthermore, girls need mentors whose lives reflect the realities of the girls’ lives. They need mentors who show by example that survival and growth, as well as resistance and change, are possible. Such role models must be from the girls’ particular communities as well as from the wider world of women.”

Answers to the Women’s History Quiz:

Who Was She? 1) Janet Guthrie 2) Gwendolyn Brooks 3) Septima Clark 4) Sally Ride 5) Alice Paul
6) Victoria Woodhill 7) Shirley Chisolm 8) Vikki Carr 9) Charlie Parkhurst 10) Anita Faye Hill 11)
Francis Perkins 12) Susan B. Anthony

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