

ROOTS to

REVOLUTION

Lessons From Women Who
Changed America

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Reflection

Why are women's stories important to you?

Who is someone in your life that you want to pass down stories to?





A Note on History Education

Why is this important for all social studies classrooms? Consider:

- How does this lesson present inclusive history?
- How does this lesson promote literacy and critical thinking?



Citing Orwell's '1984,' judge orders Trump administration to restore slavery exhibit it removed in Philadelphia

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An exhibit about nine people enslaved by George Washington must be restored at his former home in Philadelphia after President Donald Trump's administration took it down last month, a federal judge ruled on Presidents Day, the federal holiday honoring Washington's legacy.

The city of Philadelphia [sued in January](#) after the National Park Service removed the explanatory panels from Independence National Historical Park, the site where

LOWELL

National Park Service removes historic films about mill workers in Lowell

Sen. Ed Markey, D-Massachusetts, put one of the films up on his YouTube channel.

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POLITICS

Trump administration sued for Stonewall Pride flag removal in New York

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Central Question: Why is the Trump administration working to erase the stories of women? What power do women's stories hold?

Trump Presidential Message on Women's History Month March 3, 2026
For 250 years—from the diligence of Betsy Ross, the faith of Katharine Drexel, and the courage of Amelia Earhart to the ingenuity of Annie Oakley, the selflessness of Clara Barton, and the timeless integrity of Harper Lee—strong women have brought our Nation to countless new heights and moments of triumph. To this day, across every industry, women are champions of success, trailblazers in their fields, and models in their homes. Whether they serve our Nation as service members, government leaders, entrepreneurs, or mothers, every devoted woman guides our Nation's strength, prosperity, and way of life.



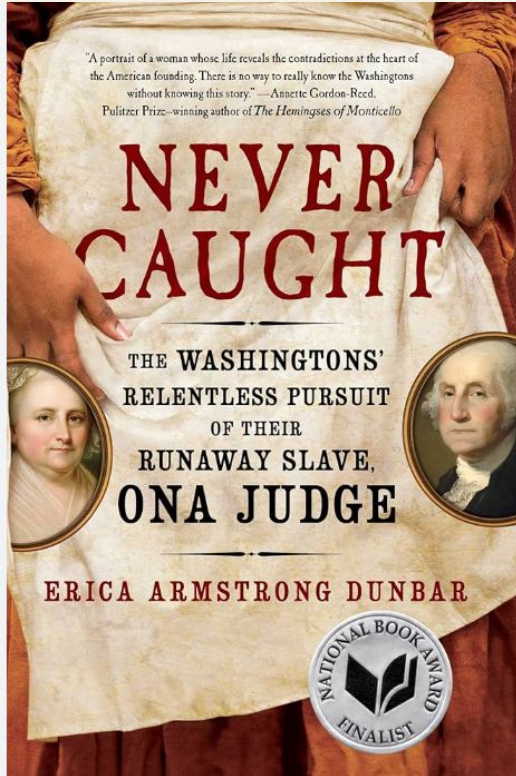
Era of the American Revolution: What power does this story hold?

Abigail Adams: March 31, 1776

“I long to hear that you have declared an independency. And, by the way, in the new code of laws which I suppose it will be necessary for you to make, I desire you would remember the ladies and be more generous and favorable to them than your ancestors. Do not put such unlimited power into the hands of the husbands. Remember, all men would be tyrants if they could. If particular care and attention is not paid to the ladies, we are determined to foment a rebellion, and will not hold ourselves bound by any laws in which we have no voice or representation.”



The American Revolution



Choose 1 story and in the chat write one sentence answering the question what power does this story hold?

Labor Organizing



A Factory Girl, "Factory Girls," Lowell Offering, December 1840

Whom has Mr. Brownson slandered? . . . girls who generally come from quiet country homes, where their minds and manners have been formed under the eyes of the worthy sons of the Pilgrims, and their virtuous partners, and who return again to become the wives of the free intelligent yeomanry of New England and the mothers of quite a proportion of our future republicans. It has been asserted that to put ourselves under the influence and restraints of corporate bodies, is contrary to the spirit of our institutions, and to that love of independence which we ought to cherish. . . . We are under restraints, but they are voluntarily assumed; and we are at liberty to withdraw from them, whenever they become galling or irksome. Neither have I ever discovered that any restraints were imposed upon us but those which were necessary for the peace and comfort of the whole, and for the promotion of the design for which we are collected, namely, to get money, as much of it and as fast as we can; and it is because our toil is so unremitting, that the wages of factory girls are higher than those of females engaged in most other occupations. It is these wages which, in spite of toil, restraint, discomfort, and prejudice, have drawn so many worthy, virtuous, intelligent, and well-educated girls to Lowell, and other factories; and it and it is the wages which are in great degree to decide the characters of the factory girls as a class.

Civil Rights





Your History



Your History: What are the historical events that you have lived through? Write your historical account of one of those events that you want to pass down to someone you love.



Q&A Next Steps

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