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**KarenL:** welcome everyone. Thank you so much for coming. I hope that I provide some resources that will help you with Women's History Month.

**KarenL:** First, we start with introductions. Tell us who you are, where you're from, stuff like that.

**VickieR:** I am an elementary art teacher and was wondering if you have any lessons that would tie women history to an art project?

**JoyceL:** Karen, one of my 8th grade grade level expectations for art is to summarize women's movements. I'm not sure of what they want me to teach the students.

**JoyceL:** I teach art grades 7-12.

**NhuM:** I am a student-teacher. I'm currently teaching first grade. I'm from Houston, TX

**DavidWe:** I'm David Weksler. I'm a HelpDesk volunteer and I lead a discussion about math education and technology here in Tapped In. I'm in New Jersey, close to New York City

**KathleenJ:** I am getting my masters in tech ed

**DavidWe:** Where in the world are you, Kathleen?

**JoyceL:** I'm from Wellsville, MO

**VickieR:** I am from central Missouri, a small sch district. I have kindergarten - 6th grade.

**DavidWe:** Take it away, Karen!

**KarenL:** Vickie, I hope the resources I share will give you some ideas about art and women's history. If not, we can certainly open it for discussion.

**KarenL:** I have learned that great ideas come from sessions like these. We all have something to contribute.

**KarenL:** And, my name is Karen Lemmons. I'm a library media specialist in a Detroit elementary school.

**KarenL:** I like to get started with books, first and then the websites. The first book is the Amelia to Zora book that is featured on our welcome page.

**NhuM:** I haven't read the book

**KarenL:** Vickie, this could probably give you some ideas about creating collages around women and/or women's history.

**KarenL:** Another book on women is Let it Shine! It is edited by Andrea Davis Pinkney and she focuses on African American women, I believe ten of them.

**JoyceL:** I'll ask our library media specialist if we have that book. I've have never read the book.

**KarenL:** Okay. How am I doing so far? Am I moving to slow to fast?

**KathleenJ:** ok -we are the slow ones-just getting here, but ok now

**MonaY:** is it ok to have join if we have not read a book

**KarenL:** I would also recommend checking out publishers like Chelsea House, Franklin Watts, for individual biographies.

**KarenL:** Sure, Mona. I was recommending the book as a resource for Women's History month.

**NhuM:** thanks, Karen

**KarenL:** especially for the elementary grades. Middle school and high school may find it interesting as well because of the art work.

**KarenL:** Are we ready for the websites?

**MonaY:** yes

**JoyceL:** My high school art classes just finished making posters and reports for Black History Month.

**JoyceL:** Yes

**KarenL:** Cool! Just a brief digression. How did they like making posters?

**NhuM:** why shouldn't they teach and integrate black history throughout the school year?

**JoyceL:** They really enjoyed reproducing the artist's work and learning about their life.

**NhuM:** I mean, not only about Black History. But it also has to include the history of other racial and cultural groups to teaching history.

**JoyceL:** We had a hard time finding a lot of info on black artists.

**KarenL:** Nhu, you're right, but that depends on so many other factors.

**KarenL:** Joyce, I believe it. Unless you get those expensive art books, you'll find very little about black artists.

**KarenL:** Perhaps Jacob Lawrence, Romare Bearden, but other artists. . .

**JoyceL:** Our library had some really good books for black history

**KarenL:** I'm glad to hear that. Great for the librarian!

**KarenL:** Okay, back to the websites.

**KarenL:** I like About.com. It lists many websites for topics. Here is the listing for Women's History.

**JoyceL:** I bought posters a long time ago and I hang them up all year long

**JoyceL:** ready

**KarenL:** <http://womenshistory.about.com>

**KarenL:** Did everyone get the website? I think we should have explained about the websites.

**JoyceL:** yes I'll look it up later.

**KarenL:** Cool!

**NhuM:** I got it

**KarenL:** Let's go the next one. I like American Memory and yes, the Library of Congress. Both of these websites provide some excellent historical documents on women's history.

**KarenL:** Here's American memory.  
<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/mchtml/womhm.html>

**KarenL:** Library of Congress is <http://www.loc.gov/topics/womenshistory>

**NhuM:** I'm adding this site to my "favorite"

**KarenL:** Are we ready for some more websites?

**MonaY:** yes

**NhuM:** Yes, I'm ready Karen

**JoyceL:** yes

**KarenL:** Okay, now there is a Women's History Museum. <http://www.nmwh.org>

**NhuM:** wow...that website is so cool

**MonaY:** thank you. the site looks great!

**JoyceL:** I can't get to the web site. I tried holding the control key.

**NhuM:** there's a lot of useful information.

**KarenL:** A Women's History Project. <http://www.nwhp.org>

**MonaY:** I like how they have incorporated the lesson plans

**NhuM:** they have lesson plans

**NhuM:** and biographies

**NhuM:** that's very useful

**JoyceL:** I'll have to look the lesson plans up later

**MonaY:** the project site has lots of information that would otherwise be hard to find

**JoyceL:** The biographies will be useful.

**KarenL:** I'm glad you like this! Now, speaking of lesson plans and other info. .  
.Scholastic and Time for Kids have resources that may be useful.

**KarenL:** Scholastic is  
<http://teacher.scholastic.com/researchtools/articlearchives/womhst/index.htm>

**NhuM:** I'm glad to join this discussion today.

**MonaY:** this is the best web layout I have seen so far

**MonaY:** the website really breaks down the entire site

**NhuM:** I like to previous one better.

**KarenL:** Time for Kids is <http://www.timeforkids.com/TFK/whm>

**JoyceL:** Just knowing some websites will help me.

**MonaY:** this site is great just to have the children explore for themselves

**KarenL:** Two other resources that I found particularly interesting are the National Park Service and Federal Resources for Educational Excellence.

**KarenL:** The National Park Service is <http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/feature/wom/index.htm>

**NhuM:** ok

**MonaY:** this site is ok, it could use a better search engine, it's hard to find info on women in Texas

**KarenL:** hmm, maybe you can contact them and make some suggestions.

**KarenL:** Here is the Federal Resources for Educational Excellence. <http://free.ed.gov>. You'll probably have to click on history to get to the women's history resources.

**NhuM:** I think the nwhp has information about Texas women

**NhuM:** look to the left column

**MonaY:** thanks Nhu mai

**NhuM:** March 24 & 25: "True Women of Texas" at the Barrington Living History Farm in Texas

**NhuM:** it's under "Women's history Exhibits and Events Nationwide."

**MonaY:** I like how the free.edu site give more than just history it also included math and science

**KarenL:** Thanks!

**KarenL:** Can we handle a few more websites?

**NhuM:** absolutely

**MonaY:** I'm ready

**KarenL:** Okay, Gale has a few free resources on women's history.  
[http://www.gale.com/free\\_resources/whm](http://www.gale.com/free_resources/whm)

**JoyceL:** I finally got to a site!

**MonaY:** the activities have to be the best thing that I have seen from this site, well so far

**KarenL:** Yes!!!!!!!!!!!!

**KarenL:** I agree, Mona. The activities are very interesting.

**NhuM:** cool! We can download a calendar.

**KarenL:** Now, for the serious scholars, there is a hotlist of women's history resources.

**JoyceL:** There is a lot of information on the site.

**KarenL:** or the not so serious scholars, too. <http://www.fi.edu/tfi/hotlists/women.html>

**NhuM:** Here's a good quote on the calendar: "A woman is like a tea bag - you never know how strong she is until she gets into hot water."

**KarenL:** So true, Nhu!!!

**MonaY:** cool it even has some of the previous sites we visited

**NhuM:** that website is comprehensive.

**JoyceL:** I like this site better than the last one

**NhuM:** me too

**MonaY:** I think that I will really use the teacher development sections to assist in my lesson plans

**KarenL:** I'm so glad to hear this!!!

**KarenL:** Okay, I think I'll share my last one. This one is different and you may find it useful as a supplementary source.

**NhuM:** this discussion forum is very helpful for teachers.

**NhuM:** especially for novice teachers like me

**KarenL:** History's Women <http://historywomen.com>

**JoyceL:** I'm glad I joined this room. Now I have a lot of sources!

**MonaY:** this is a search portal. not to much information on women's history

**KarenL:** well, actually I need to go, but I goofed on the last resource. I wrote something wrong because that's not the website I wanted you to see.

**MonaY:** oh I see

**KarenL:** let's see. <http://www.historywomen.com>

**JoyceL:** I thought something was wrong

**NhuM:** ok. I just want to say thank you.

**JoyceL:** Thanks Karen

**MonaY:** bye every one

**NhuM:** bye all