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- 1838: birth. September 23rd, 1838, Homer, Ohio, U.S.A.

- Works as a child in a fortune-telling show. Seldom goes to school.

- 1853: gets married. Her husband soon becomes alcoholic.

- 1854: birth of her son. Her child faces a severe intellectual disability.

- 1868: moves to New York City. Her sister Tennessee becomes the lover of one of the richest man in the world: baron Cornelius Vanderbilt. Victoria works for him.

- 1869: Victoria and Tennessee open their own firm and become the first female stockbrokers on Wall Street. They become rich.

- 1870: the two sisters use their money to start a newspaper, *Woodhull & Claflin's Weekly*.

- 1872: she becomes the first woman to run for president – 50 years before women could vote. Her running mate is Frederick Douglass. Gets arrested for “publishing an obscene newspaper” and spends election night in prison.

- 1877: moves to England to start a new life.

- 1927: death. Bredon's Norton, Worcestershire, England.

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**Use the information above to write the biography of Victoria Woodhull and explain why she was a self-made woman.**

Victoria Woodhull was born on September 23rd 1838 in Homer, Ohio, U.S.A.

During her childhood, she spent her time working in a fortune-telling show instead of going to school. She was 15 (years old) when she got married to a man who soon became alcoholic.

In 1854, she gave birth to a son who suffered from a severe intellectual disability.

In 1868, she moved to NYC. Her sister Tennessee became the lover of one of the richest man in the world : Baron Cornelius Vanderbilt and she started to work for him.

The following year, Victoria and Tennessee opened their own firm and became the first female stockbrokers on Wall Street as a consequence they became rich. Afterwards, the sisters used their money to launch a newspaper called *Woodhull & Claflin's Weekly.*

In 1872, she became the first woman to run for president, 50 years before women could vote. Her running mate was Frederick Douglass. Nevertheless, she got arrested for “publishing an obscene newspaper” and spent election night in prison.

Later, she moved to England to start a new life and she died there when she was 89 years old.