

# Louisa May Alcott: Note-Taking

**Directions:** Read the text below. In the margin, take notes or write your responses to your reading.

Text	Notes
<p>Louisa May Alcott was an American woman author. She wrote the famous book, "Little Women." She also wrote several other famous books, including "Little Men" and "Eight Cousins."</p>	
<p>Louisa May Alcott was born in 1832 in Germantown, Pennsylvania. She grew up in a family with three sisters. Her father was an educator, and her mother was dedicated to her family.</p>	
<p>During the Civil War years, Louisa and her family took part in the Underground Railroad system. They helped formerly enslaved Black Americans find a route to freedom. Louisa became a staunch abolitionist. She was also interested in early feminism. She supported women's suffrage (women being allowed to vote).</p>	
<p>Louisa May Alcott's most famous book is "Little Women." It is semi-autobiographical about Louisa's childhood with her parents and sisters.</p>	
<p>Louisa May Alcott is regarded as one of the most influential American writers in history. To date, "Little Women" has sold an estimated 10 million copies worldwide. It has been translated into over 50 languages.</p>	