

## TIMELINE:

- 1903 **The Women's Trade Union League of New York** is formed to unionize working women. This group later becomes the nucleus for the **International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union** (ILGWU).
- 1913 5,000 suffragists march in **Washington, D.C.** for the women's rights movement.
- 1915 A petition with 500,000 signatures in support of women's suffrage amendment is given to **President Woodrow Wilson**.
- 1920 **The 19th Amendment** is ratified, allowing women the right to vote in federal elections.
- 1923 **Alice Paul** and the **National Women's Party** first propose the **Equal Rights Amendment** to eliminate discrimination on the basis of sex. It has never been ratified.
- 1934 **Florence Ellinwood Allen** becomes first woman on US Court of Appeals.
- 1939- World War II
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- 1961 **Eleanor Roosevelt** is appointed to chair the **Commission on the Status of Women**.
- 1966 **The National Organization for Women** (NOW) is founded by **Betty Goldstein Friedan**.
- 1970 50,000 people march in **New York City** for the first **Women's Strike for Equality**.
- 1971 **U.S. Supreme Court** rule ends sex discrimination in hiring.
- 1972 **U.S. Congress passes the Equal Employment Opportunity Act.**  
**Equal Rights Amendment passes Congress but fails to be ratified.**
- 1975 **Ella Grasso** is first woman Governor (CT) to be re-elected.
- 1977 3,000 women march in **Washington, D.C.** on **Women's Equality Day to support the E.R.A.**
- 1981 **Sandra Day O'Connor** becomes first woman appointed to the **U.S. Supreme Court**.
- 1995 **Lt. Col. Eileen Collins** becomes the first American woman to pilot a **Space Shuttle**.

1997 **Madeleine K. Albright** becomes first woman U.S. **Secretary of State**.

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2000 **Hillary Rodham Clinton** becomes the only First Lady ever elected to the **United States Senate**.

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2005 **Condoleezza Rice** becomes the first African-American woman to be appointed **Secretary of State**.

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2008 **Hillary Rodham Clinton** becomes the only First Lady ever to run for president.

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## INFLUENTIAL WOMEN:

- Faye Glenn Abdellah *Healthcare*
- Bella Abzug *Civil Rights*
- Abigail Smith Adams *Government*
- Jane Addams *Social Welfare*
- Madeleine Korbel Albright *Government; Politics*
- Louisa May Alcott *Literature*
- Linda G. Alvarado *Business*
- Dorothy Andersen *Medicine*
- Marian Anderson *Music*
- Ethel Percy Andrus *Senior Citizens Welfare*
- Maya Angelou *Literature*
- Susan B. Anthony *Women's Rights*
- Virginia Apgar *Medicine*
- Ella Baker *Civil Rights*
- Lucille Ball *Entertainment*
- Ann Bancroft *Exploration*
- Clara Barton *Social Welfare*
- Mary McLeod Bethune *Education*
- Antoinette Louisa Brown Blackwell *Religion*
- Elizabeth Blackwell *Medicine*
- Emily Blackwell *Medicine*
- Amelia Jenks Bloomer *Journalism*
- Nellie Bly *Journalism*
- Margaret Bourke-White *Photography*
- Lydia Moss Bradley *Education*
- Myra Bradwell *Law*
- Mary Breckinridge *Healthcare*
- Gwendolyn Brooks *Poetry*
- Pearl S. Buck *Literature*
- Charlotte Ann Bunch *Education; Human Rights*
- St. Frances Xavier Cabrini *Religion; Social Welfare*
- Mary Steichen Calderone *Medicine*
- Annie Jump Cannon *Astronomy*
- Rachel Louise Carson *Marine Biology; Ecology*

- Rosalynn Carter *Healthcare*
- Mary Ann Shadd Cary *Social Reform*
- Mary Cassatt *Painting*
- Willa Cather *Literature*
- Carrie Chapman Catt *Women's Rights*
- Lydia Maria Child *Social Reform*
- Shirley Anita St. Hill Chisholm *Politics*
- Jacqueline Cochran *Aviation*
- Bessie Coleman *Aviation*
- Eileen Collins *Space Exploration*
- Ruth Colvin *Education*
- Joan Ganz Cooney *Broadcasting; Education*
- Gerty Theresa Radnitz Cori *Chemistry*
- Jane Cunningham Croly *Social Reform*
- Pauline Kellogg Wright Davis *Women's Rights*
- Dorothy Day *Social Reform*
- Marian de Forest *Women's Rights*
- Donna De Varona *Athletics*
- Emma Smith DeVoe *Women's Rights*
- Emily Dickinson *Poetry*
- Dorothea Dix *Social Welfare*
- Elizabeth Hanford Dole *Government: Politics*
- Marjory Stoneman Douglas *Environment*
- Anne Dulles Dudley *Women's Rights*
- Mary Barret Dyer *Religion*
- Amelia Earhart *Aviation*
- Sylvia Earle *Marine Science*
- Catherine East *Women's Rights*
- Crystal Eastman *Labor*
- Mary Baker Eddy *Religion*
- Marian Wright Edelman *Children's Rights*
- Gertrude Ederle *Athletics*
- Gertrude Belle Elion *Chemistry*
- Alice Evans *Medicine*
- Geraldine Ferraro *Politics*
- Ella Fitzgerald *Music*
- Betty Friedan *Women's Rights*
- Margaret Fuller *Literature*
- Matilda Joslyn Gage *Government: Women's Rights*
- Althea Gibson *Athletics*
- Lillian Moller Gilbreth *Engineering*
- Charlotte Perkins Gilman *Social Progress*
- Ruth Bader Ginsburg *Law*
- Katharine Graham *Journalism*
- Ella Grasso *Politics*
- Martha Wright Griffiths *Politics*
- Angelina Grimke *Social Reform*
- Sarah Grimke *Social Reform*

- Mary A. Hallaren *Military; Women's Rights*
- Fannie Lou Hamer *Civil Rights*
- Alice Hamilton *Medicine*
- Martha Matilda Harper *Business*
- Patricia Roberts Harris *Government*
- Helen Hayes *Theater*
- Dorothy Height *Civil Rights*
- Beatrice A. Hicks *Engineering*
- Oveta Culp Hobby *Government*
- Wilhelmina Cole Holladay *Social Progress*
- Barbara Holdridge *Literature*
- Major General Jeanne Holm *Military*
- Grace Murray Hopper *Computer Science*
- Bertha Holt *Social Reform*
- Julia Ward Howe *Women's Rights*
- Dolores Huerta *Labor*
- Helen LaKelly Hunt *Women's Rights*
- Zora Neale Hurston *Anthropology; Literature*
- Anne Hutchinson *Religion*
- Shirley Ann Jackson *Government*
- Mary Jacobi *Medicine*
- Frances Wisebart Jacobs *Social Progress*
- Mae Jemison *Space Exploration*
- "Mother" Mary Harris Jones *Social Reform*
- Barbara Jordan *Politics*
- Helen Keller *Social Progress*
- Bishop Leontine Kelly *Religion*
- Frances Kathleen Oldham Kelsey *Medicine, Pharmaceuticals*
- Nannerl O. Keohane *Education*
- Billie Jean King *Sports*
- Maggie Kuhn *Senior Citizens Welfare*
- Stephanie Kwolek *Science*
- Susette La Flesche *Native American Rights*
- Dorothea Lange *Photography*
- Mildred Robbins Leet *Philanthropy*
- Anne Morrow Lindbergh *Literature; Aviation*
- Belva Ann Bennett Lockwood *Law*
- Juliette Gordon Low *Education: Social Progress*
- Shannon W. Lucid *Space Exploration*
- Mary Lyon *Education*
- Barbara McClintock *Medicine*
- Katherine Dexter McCormick *Women's Rights*
- Louise McManus *Medicine*
- Mary Mahoney *Medicine*
- Wilma Mankiller *Native American Rights*
- Maria Goeppert-Mayer *Physics*
- Margaret Mead *Anthropology*
- Patsy Takemoto Mink *Government*

- Maria Mitchell *Astronomy*
- Constance Baker Motley *Law; Civil Rights*
- Lucretia Coffin Mott *Women's Rights*
- Kate Mullany *Labor*
- Antonia Novello *Government*
- Annie Oakley *Marksmanship*
- Sandra Day O'Connor *Law; Government*
- Georgia O'Keeffe *Painting*
- Rosa Parks *Social Reform*
- Alice Paul *Women's Rights*
- Mary Engle Pennington *Science*
- Frances Perkins *Government*
- Esther Peterson *Social Progress*
- Jeanette Rankin *Politics*
- Janet Reno *Law, Government*
- Ellen Swallow Richards *Chemistry*
- Linda Richards *Healthcare*
- Sally K. Ride *Space Exploration*
- Rozanne L. Ridgway *Politics*
- Edith Nourse Rogers *Politics*
- Eleanor Roosevelt *Politics; Social Progress*
- Ernestine Louise Potowski Rose *Women's Rights*
- Sister Elaine Roulet *Children's Rights*
- Wilma Rudolph *Sports*
- Josephine St. Pierre Ruffin *Social Reform*
- Florence Sabin *Medicine*
- Sacagawea *Exploration*
- Margaret Sanger *Social Reform*
- Katherine Siva Saubel *Native American Rights*
- Betty Bone Schiess *Religion*
- Patricia Schroeder *Politics*
- Felice N. Schwartz *Women's Rights*
- Florence B. Seibert *Medicine*
- Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton *Religion; Social Welfare; Education*
- Anna Howard Shaw *Religion, Women's Rights*
- Eunice Mary Kennedy Shriver *Social Welfare*
- Muriel Siebert *Finance*
- Beverly Sills *Music*
- Bessie Smith *Music*
- Sophia Smith *Education*
- Margaret Chase Smith *Politics*
- Hannah Greenbaum Solomon *Child Welfare*
- Elizabeth Cady Stanton *Women's Rights*
- Gloria Steinem *Social Progress*
- Helen Stephens *Sports*
- Nettie Stevens *Biology*
- Lucy Stone *Women's Rights*

- Harriet Beecher Stowe *Literature; Social Reform*
- Harriet Williams Russell Strong *Agriculture*
- Annie Sullivan *Education*
- Maria Tallchief *Ballet*
- Ida Minerva Tarbell *Journalism*
- Helen Brooke Taussig *Medicine*
- Sojourner Truth *Social Progress*
- Harriet Tubman *Social Progress*
- Brigadier General Wilma Vaught *Military*
- Florence Wald *Medicine*
- Lillian Wald *Medicine*
- Madam C.J. Walker *Business*
- Mary Edwards Walker *Medicine*
- Emily Howell Warner *Aviation*
- Mercy Otis Warren *Poetry*
- Faye Wattleton *Medicine; Social Welfare*
- Annie Dodge Wauneka *Native American Rights*
- Ida Wells-Barnett *Social Progress*
- Eudora Welty *Literature*
- Edith Wharton *Literature*
- Sheila Widnall *Science*
- Frances Elizabeth Caroline Willard *Social Reform*
- Oprah Winfrey *Broadcasting*
- Sarah Winnemucca *Native American Rights*
- Victoria Woodhull *Social Reformer*
- Fanny Wright *Social Progress*
- Hien-Shiung Wu *Physics*
- Rosalyn Yalow *Medicine*
- Gloria Yerkovich *Child Welfare*
- Mildred "Babe" Didrikson Zaharias *Sports*

## FIRSTS IN WOMENS ACHIEVEMENTS:

Mary McLeod	1904	First woman to establish secondary school that became 4-year accredited college
	1935	Founder of National Council of Negro Women
Blanche Scott	1910	First woman to fly an airplane
Jeannette Rankin	1916	First woman U.S. House Representative (Montana)
Kate Gleason	1917	First woman president of a national bank
Jeannette Rankin	1917	First woman in Congress
Florence E. Allen	1920	First woman judge
Hallie Ferguson	1924	First woman governor of U. S. state (Texas)

Katherine Bement Davis	1929	First person to conduct national survey of sexual attitudes
Jane Addams	1931	First woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize
Hattie Wyatt Caraway	1932	First woman elected to U.S. Senate
Amelia Earhart	1932	First woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean
Ruth Bran Owen	1933	First woman foreign diplomat
Pearl S. Buck	1935	First woman to win a Nobel Prize for Literature
Hattie McDaniel	1939	First African-American of any gender to win an Academy Award (she won for Best Supporting Actress in the film, <i>Gone with the Wind</i> ).
Linda Darnell	1941	First woman to sell securities on the New York Stock Curb Exchange
Conchita V. Cintron	1949	First U.S. woman bullfighter in Spain
Georgia Nesse Clark	1949	First woman treasurer of the United States
Valentina Vladimirovna Tereshkova	1963	First woman to fly in space, aboard Vostok 6.
Muriel Siebert	1967	First woman to own seat on the New York Stock Exchange
Janice Lee York Romary	1968	First woman to carry U.S. flag at the Olympic Games
Mary Clarke	1978	First woman to be named major general in U.S. Army
Ella Grasso	1978	First woman governor to be re-elected (Connecticut)
Sandra Day O'Connor	1981	First woman a justice of the U. S. Supreme Court
Sally Kristen Ride	1983	First American woman to reach outer space.
Joan Benoit (Samuelson)	1984	First woman to win an Olympic marathon
Penny Harrington	1985	First woman police chief of major U. S. city (Portland, OR)
Ann Bancroft	1986	First woman to walk to North Pole
Christa McAuliffe	1986	First woman citizen passenger on a space mission
Lt. Col. Eileen	1995	First American woman to pilot a Space Shuttle

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Madeleine K. Albright	1997	First woman Secretary of State and highest ranking woman in the U.S. government
Hillary Rodham Clinton	2000	Only First Lady ever elected to the United States Senate
Halle Berry	2002	First African-American woman to win a Best Actress Oscar
Condoleezza Rice	2005	First African-American woman to be appointed Secretary of State
Nancy Pelosi	2007	First woman to become Speaker of the House

## NOTABLE WEBSITES:

- <http://www.history.com/minisites/womenhist>
- <http://www.biography.com/womens-history/index.jsp>
- <http://www.nwhp.org/resourcecenter/biographycenter.php>
- <http://frank.mtsu.edu/~kmiddlet/history/women/wh-timeline.html>
- <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/naw/nawstime.html>