

WOMEN'S HISTORY

Close Reading

Women in History Name _____ Date _____

Princess Diana - The Queen of People's Hearts



Diana Frances Spencer was born in 1962 into a British noble family as her father was an Earl. She was the fourth of five children in her family. Diana grew up in one of Queen Elizabeth II's houses always to her royal bloodline. Growing up, Diana always struggled in school. She was extremely shy and did not want to participate in the classroom, however, Diana did excel in music. She also thoroughly enjoyed swimming and dance. After school, she broke out of her shell and found her passion for working with children. After graduation, she became an assistant kindergarten classroom.

Charles, the Prince of Wales, asked of this wedding they fancy and extravagant wedding was loved by people all over the world.

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Frida Kahlo's Life and Legacy



Frida Kahlo de Rivera was born Magdalena Carmen Frida Kahlo y Calderin on July 6, 1907 in a village named Coyocatan outside of Mexico City. Her father was a German photographer named Guillermo Kahlo, and her mother, Spanish mother, Frida had three sisters and two half-sisters. Frida did not have a healthy marriage, and her relationship with her mother was difficult. At the age of six, Frida got polio, which caused her right leg to be shorter and three inches than her left leg. Due to her sickness, Frida was not allowed to be around other children for months, and other children isolated Frida. Frida developed her introverted personality to her father because she had a strong relationship with her mother. Frida developed a strong relationship with her mother because she had disabilities. Her father taught her about literature, sports, and photography.

Frida spent her childhood in Mexico. She learned about...

A few months later, Malala and her family moved back home. The Pakistani war, and they pushed the Taliban out of the city. Thinking it was speaking out about the importance of education for girls. She was interviewed including ones in Europe and the United States. On October 2011, Malala won the International Children's Peace Prize; two months later, she received the Nobel Peace Prize. She requested that a high school be named after her. Her dream of raising money to educate girls came true.

Oprah Winfrey receiving the 2009 Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Barack Obama



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Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera



Frida's bed rest was over. She was a Communist Party. In June 1928, Frida was married to Diego Rivera, one of Mexico's most famous artists. Diego and Rivera shared a growing interest in Mexican culture and art, which played an important role in her life and work. Frida and Diego moved back and forth across the United States and Mexico as Diego was commissioned for various projects. Upon one of her returns to Mexico, Frida and Diego's relationship became more intimate. Frida wanted to be in Mexico, and Diego wanted to be in the United States. Frida was still unconfident in her work, but she began to gain confidence in her work, and her art was displayed in numerous exhibits and galleries. Frida produced a lot of artwork. Frida was still unconfident in her work, but she began to gain confidence in her work, and her art was displayed in numerous exhibits and galleries. Frida's self-portrait titled The Frame, which made Frida the most famous female artist in the world. Frida moved back to her home in Mexico, and her painting technique became more expressive.

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Anne Frank

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Malala Yousafzai

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Laura Ingalls Wilder

Laura Ingalls was born on February 7, 1867, in the Big Woods region of Wisconsin. She was the second daughter to her parents and one of five children. Laura and her family were pioneers. They moved from Wisconsin when she was two-years-old. They settled in Kansas in Indian country. The family soon moved again because their home was located on an Indian reservation that they were not supposed to inhabit. The Ingalls family continued to move around the West for years to come.

Eventually, the Ingalls ended up in De Smet, South Dakota. The Ingalls watched De Smet grow from a prairie into a town. Laura went to school in De Smet, and just before she turned sixteen, she became a teacher. Three years later, Laura married Almanzo Wilder and stopped teaching. Soon after, Laura and Almanzo had a daughter they named Rose. The Wilder family had many disasters strike them. Almanzo got very sick and lost the use of his legs, but he eventually recovered. Their baby boy passed away. They also lost their home in a fire. Laura and Almanzo moved around a few times until they settled down in Missouri. Almanzo's parents purchased a log cabin for the couple, which Laura and Almanzo expanded and added a farm. They grew fruit and produced poultry and dairy. Laura became a writer and editor for the newspaper named Missouri Ruralist.



Laura with her two sisters.
Left to Right: Carrie, Mary,
Laura

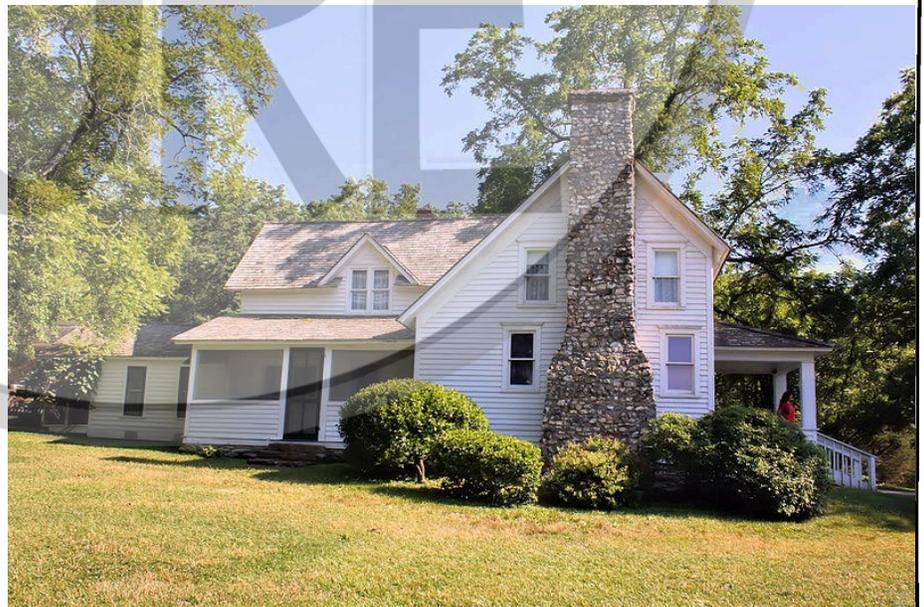


Laura's daughter Rose became a very successful writer. She helped support her parents. The Stock Market Crash of 1929 wiped out the Wilders' and Rose's savings. Laura decided to write an autobiography of her pioneer days in hopes of earning money. Laura's first book was titled *Little House in the Big Woods*. This book is about Laura's early childhood in Wisconsin. *Little House in the Big Woods* was very successful. Laura went on to write numerous other books about her life. The success of Laura's *Little House* books helped her family recover from The Stock Market Crash. Laura also earned many honors for her books.

Laura and Almanzo continued to live at Rocky Ridge Farm. Many fans came to meet Laura in her final years of life. Almanzo passed away when he was 92 years old. Laura continued to live on the farm for eight more years, until she died three days after her 90th birthday. Her farm became a museum, and the *Little House* books were turned into a popular television show. Laura and her family's legacy lives on today through her books and television show.



Laura and Almanzo

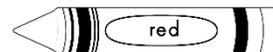


Rocky Ridge Farm

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Answer the following questions. Underline the text evidence in the color indicated.

1. Why did the Ingalls family move from Kansas?



- a. They were pioneers.
- b. Laura turned two years old.
- c. They continued to move west.
- d. They accidentally settled on an Indian reservation.

2. What is the main idea of this article?



- a. Laura was one of five children.
- b. Laura Ingalls Wilder died when she was 90.
- c. Laura married Almanzo and had a daughter named Rose.
- d. Laura Ingalls Wilder was a pioneer who wrote books about her life.

3. Read these sentences from paragraph 1 of the passage.



Laura and her family were pioneers. They moved from Wisconsin when she was two years old.

What does the word "pioneers" mean?

- a. people who are teachers
- b. people who have five children
- c. people who explore and settle new areas
- d. people who move when they are two years old

4. Why did Laura write the Little House books?



- a. Laura's daughter Rose was a writer.
- b. Laura earned many honors for her books.
- c. Laura wanted her books to be turned into a television show about her life.
- d. Laura hoped she could make money to help her family recover from the Stock Market Crash.

5. What happened after Laura's death? (Choose all that apply.)



- a. Many fans came to meet Laura.
- b. Rocky Ridge Farm became a museum.
- c. Laura's husband Almanzo passed away.
- d. Laura's books were turned into a television show.

Oprah Winfrey

If you've ever watched TV, chances are you've heard of Oprah Winfrey. Oprah is a famous African American talk show host, actress, and entrepreneur. She was born on January 29, 1954 in Mississippi. Her parents were very young when they had her. They separated after she was born, so she lived with her grandmother. Her grandmother taught her to read when she was two years old. She skipped kindergarten because she wrote a letter to explain why she was ready for first grade. She became a very good speaker and gave speeches at church and school.

Oprah moved a lot when she was young. When she was 6 years old, she moved to Wisconsin to live with her mother and siblings. Her life then was difficult because they were very poor and lived in a dangerous neighborhood. When she was 12 years old, she moved to Tennessee to live with her father. Her father was strict and made her read lots of books and do book reports. Because of his rules, Oprah did very well in school. She won speech contests and got a full scholarship to go to college at Tennessee State.

While in college, she was hired to be a news reporter for CBS. This was a dream job to get at such a young age, but Oprah didn't just want to report the news. Her dream was to get her own talk show where she could give her opinions on important topics happening in the world.

After college, Oprah was hired to be a host on a morning talk show in Baltimore. The ratings on the show were so good that she was hired by ABC to host a show in Chicago. When Oprah became the host, the show became one of the most popular talk shows in the country. In 1985, it became The Oprah Winfrey Show. It became the highest-rated TV talk show in America and won several Emmy awards.





**Oprah Winfrey receiving the
2013 Presidential Medal of
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Today, Oprah is one of the richest people in the United States. As a result, she is a big philanthropist, which means that she donates her money to good causes. She started a charity called Oprah's Angels which built a 40-million-dollar school in South Africa for girls in need. She also stands up for race and gender equality and against child abuse.



**Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls in
South Africa**

Answer the following questions. Underline the text evidence in the color indicated.

1. Read this quote from the passage:

"She skipped kindergarten because she wrote a letter to explain why she was ready for first grade."

Based on this fact, what can you infer about Oprah?



- a. Oprah was a smart child.
- b. Oprah was very competitive.
- c. Oprah pretended to know more than others.
- d. At an early age, Oprah knew she wanted to be famous.

2. Which quality made Oprah a good TV talk show host?



- a. She was a good student.
- b. She was a good speaker.
- c. She was a good writer.
- d. She was a good actress.

3. Which factor was the biggest reason that Oprah was successful in school?



- a. She got a full scholarship.
- b. She moved a lot.
- c. Her father had many rules.
- d. She learned to read when she was two.

4. What are five career accomplishments Oprah had?



5. What is a philanthropist?



- a. Someone who is rich.
- b. Someone who helps a cause.
- c. Someone who is famous.
- d. Someone who is successful.

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