

# Great Women

This "Great Women" activity requires the use of multiple computers and the Internet. The Web site [www.greatwomen.org](http://www.greatwomen.org) contains information about women who have been inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame in Seneca, New York, including short biographies of women who have used their voices and talents to make a positive difference in the world. On the Web site, the women are listed alphabetically, with a short descriptor and a link to a longer biographical sketch.

Divide the group of girls into small groups of three to five and give each small group one index card listing the names in one of the categories listed below (but do not list the category). Tell the girls to check [www.greatwomen.org](http://www.greatwomen.org) to find out what the women in their group have in common. Award a prize to the small group that identifies the commonality first and can give a brief description of each woman's claim to fame.

## *Politicians*

Jeannette Rankin, Wilma Mankiller, Constance Baker Motley, Barbara Jordan

## *Scientists*

Chien-Shiung Wu, Annie Jump Cannon, Gerty Theresa Radnitz Cori, Maria Goeppert Mayer

## *Athletes*

Mildred "Babe" Didrikson Zaharias, Wilma Rudolph, Helen Stephens, Billie Jean King

## *Suffragettes, Women's Rights*

Lucretia Mott, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, Matilda Joslyn Gage

## *Religious Figures*

Leontine Kelly, Mary Barrett Dyer, Sojourner Truth, Mary Baker Eddy

### *Educators*

Nanerl O. Keohane, Lydia Moss Bradley, Mary McLeod Bethune, Ruth Colvin

### *Journalists*

Margaret Bourke-White, Willa Cather, Ida Tarbell, Jane Cunningham Croly

### *Authors*

Eudora Welty, Edith Wharton, Louisa May Alcott, Maya Angelou

### *Aviators*

Jacqueline Cochran, Eileen Collins, Amelia Earhart, Sally Ride

As a follow-up, ask the girls to pick one woman from the list to research in more depth. Tell the girls that they will be reporting their research to the large group. Suggest that they use clothes and props appropriate to the time of their particular woman's life.

Once the girls have learned more about these women, ask them to design a Jeopardy-type game, using these and other categories of women with common accomplishments. You can also find descriptions of other women on [www.greatwomen.org](http://www.greatwomen.org) who share the same commonality, or you can give the girls more categories or descriptors and ask them to find the women on the Web site.

If you do not have access to multiple computers or the Internet, you can do this activity using an encyclopedia.