

#WomanInHistory nominations - 'First 500'

Here are our 'First 500' brilliant women nominated for the campaign, with more names to come. Our 'Living Legends' list, those women and girls who are making history now, will follow in April 2021.

Note: for ease of reading, we have not used titles or honorifics. We have used BCE – Before Common Era – and CE – Common Era rather than BC and AD.

Alphabetical by last name	Dates
Karimeh Abbud	1893 (1896?)-1940
Anne Acheson	1882-1962
Eliza Acton	1799-1859
Aethelflaed	870-918
Agnodice	300 BCE
Ahmoese-Nefertari	c 1570-1530 BCE
Anna Akhmatova	1889-1966
Anni Albers	1899-1994
Louisa May Alcott	1832-1888
Fatima al-Fihri	c 880
Sayyida Al-Hurra	16th C
Dahia Al-Kahina	7th C
Tarsila do Amaral	1886-1973
Mary Anderson	1866-1953
Lou Andreas-Salomé	1861-1937
Marie-Josèphe Angélique	c 1705-1734
Maya Angelou	1928-2014
Mary Anning	1799-1847
Susan B Anthony	1820-1906
Kathleen Antonelli	1921-2006
Ellen Armstrong	1914-1979
Dorothy Arzner	1897-1979
Yaa Asantewaa	19th C
Dorothy Ashby	1932-1986
Adele Astaire	1896-1981
Mary Astell	1666-1731

Anna Atkins	1799-1871
Hubertine Auclert	1848-1914
Jacqueline Auriol	1917-2000
Jane Austen	1775-1817
Saartjie Baartman	1789-1815
Josephine Baker	1906-1975
Alice Ball	1892-1916
Anna Laetitia Barbauld	1743-1825
Mary Barbour	1875-1958
Jeanne Baret	1740-1807
Clara Barton	1821-1912
Yvonne Baseden	1922-2017
Charlotta Bass	1874–1966
Dorothea Bate	1878-1951
Dona Beatriz Kimpa Vita	1684-1706
Margaret Beaufort	1443-1509
Simone de Beauvoir	1908-1986
Fatma Begum	1892-1983
Shahjaham Begum	1838-1901
Aphra Behn	1640-1689
Frieda Belinfante	1904-1995
Amy Elizabeth Bell	1859-1920
Gertrude Bell	1868-1926
Jeanne de Belleville	1300 – 1359
Belle Benchley	1882-1953
Margaret Benticnk	1715-1785
Bertha Benz	1849-1944
Mary Lee Berners-Lee	1924-2017
Bíawacheeitchish	c 1806-1858
Sarah Biffin	1784-1850
Rosa May Billinghurst	1875-1953
Lillian Bilocca	1929-1988
Aisha Bint Abu Bakr	c 613/614-678 CE
Isabella Bird	1831-1904
Maria Björnson	1949-2002
Luce Black	16th C
Katharine Burr Blodgett	1898-1979
Nellie Bly	1864-1922
Dorothy Bonarjee	1894-1983
Corrie ten Boom	1892-1983
Florence Boot	1863-1952

Laskarina Bouboulina	1771-1825
Madelaine Boullen	18th C
Louise Bourgeois	1911-2010
Margaret Bourke-White	1904-1971
Anne Boylen	1501-1536
Eugénie Brazier	1895-1977
Sarah Anne Bright	1793-1866
Vera Brittain	1893-1970
Emily Bronte	1818-1848
Gwendolyn Brooks	1917-2000
Christina Broom	1862-1939
William Brown	19th C
Mary Bryant	1765-1794
Margaret Ann Bukley	1789-1865
Céleste Bulkeley	1759-1832
Beryl Burton	1937-1996
Valentine Bussiere	1921-1944
Josephine Butler	1928-1906
Josephine Butler	1828-1906
Octavia Butler	1947-2006
Amy Carmichael	1867-1951
Emily Carr	1871-1945
Rachel Carson	1907-1964
Cartimandua	26-75 CE
Joanna of Castile	1479-1555
Barbara Castle	1910-2002
Margaret Cavendish	1623-1673
Anna Chandy	1905-1996
Mary Eugenia Charles	1919-2005
Émilie du Châtelet	1706-1749
Asima Chatterjee	1917-2006
Kittur Chennamma	1778-1829
Caroline Chisholm	1808-1877
Shirley Chisholm	1924-2005
Agatha Christie	1890-1976
Jennie Churchill	1854-1921
Dowager Cixi	1835-1908
Joan Clarke	1917-1996
Cleopatra	c 69-c 30 BCE
Alice Coachman	1923-2014
Eleanor Coade	1733-1821

Jacqueline Cochran	1906-1980
Josephine Cochrane	1839-1913
Margaret S Collins	1922-1996
Audrey Collins	1915-2010
Ida & Louise Cook	1904-1986
Whina Cooper	1895-1994
Charlotte Corday	1768-1793
Margaret Gretta Cousins	1878-1954
Hannah Crafts	c 1830s-?
Sarah Jane Cranogwen	1839-1916
Lise Cristiani	1827-1853
Aimée Crocker	1864-1941
Bridget Cromwell	1624-1662
Elizabeth Cromwell	1629-1658
Frances Cromwell	1638-1720
Mary Cromwell	1637-1713
Marie Curie	1867-1934
Aileen Cust	1868-1937
Jeanne d'Albret	1528-1572
Julie d'Aubigny	1670(73?)-1707
Frieda Dalen	1895-1995
Mary M Daly	1921-2003
Dorothy Dandridge	1922-1965
Grace Darling	1815-1842
Maude Delap	1866-1953
Delia Derbyshire	1937-2001
Jayaben Desai	1933-2010
Durgabai Deshmukh	1909-1981
Lucile Desmoulins	1771-1794
Amy Dillwyn	1845-1935
Mary Donaldson	1921-2003
Levitt Dorothy	1882-1922
Emma Duffin	1883-1979
Andrea Dunbar	1961-1990
Katherine Dunham	1909-2006
Andrea Dworkin	1946-2005
Eadgifu of Kent	903-968 CE
Amelia Earhart	1897-1937
Annie Easley	1933-2011
Emily Eden	1797-1869
Amelia Edwards	1831-1892

Egeria	4th C
Eleanor of Aquitaine	1122 – 1204
Bess of Hardwick	1527-1608
Elizabeth I of England	1558-1603
Elizabeth of York	1466-1503
Mary Elmes	1908-2002
Elizabeth Elmy	1833-1918
Emma of Normandy	c 984-1052
Enheduanna	2286 BCE-2251 BCE
Esclarmonde of Foix	1151-1215
Cesária Évora	1941-2011
Forouh Farrahkzad	1935-1967
Zaynab Fawwāz	1860-1914
Celia Fiennes	1662-1741
Mary Fildes	1789-1876
Ruth First	1925-1982
Eunice Newton Foote	1819-1888
Constance Fox Talbot	1811-1880
Rosalind Franklin	1920-1958
Betty Friedan	1921-2006
Mary Frith	1584-1659
Marion Frost	1897-1936
Elizabeth Fry	1780-1845
Indira Gandhi	1917-1984
Margaret Gardner	1834-1858
Elizabeth Garrett Anderson	1836-1917
Millicent Garrett Fawcett	1847-1929
Jenny Geddes	1600-1660
Martha Gelhorn	1908-1998
Jos Gemmeke	1922-2010
Artemesia Gentileschi	1593-1656
Sophie Germain	1776-1831
Alessandra Giliani	1307-1326
Marija Gimbutas	1921-1994
Ruth Bader Ginsburg	1933-2020
Ada Gobetti	1902-1968
Mary Katherine Goddard	1738-1816
Sabiha Gökçen	1913-2001
Viva Goldstein	1869-1949
Maud Gonne	1866-1953
Sarah E Goode	1850 (1855 ?)-1905

Olympe de Gouges	1748-1793
Lady Katherine Grey	1540-1568
Amelia Griffiths	1768-1858
Gwenllian ferch Gruffydd	c 1100-1136
Veronica Guerin	1958-1996
Margaret Guido	1912-1994
Zaha Hadid	1950-2016
Hagar	c 1800 BCE
Gisèle Halimi	1927-2020
Virginia Hall	1906-1982
Odette Hallowes	1912-1995
Fannie Lou Hamer	1917-1977
Elizabeth Schuyler Hamilton	1757-1854
Lorraine Hansberry	1930-1965
Sheikha Hasina	1947-2021
Caroline Haslett	1895-1957
Hatshepsut	1457-1508 BCE
Kezia Hayter	1818-1885
Lady Mary Heath	1896-1939
Rose Heilbron	1914-2005
Catharina van Hemessen	c 1528-c 1587
Katharine Hepburn	1907-2003
Barbara Hepworth	1903-1975
Caroline Herschel	1750-1848
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Rachael Heyhoe Flint	1939-2017
Hilda of Whitby	c 614-680
Hildegard of Bingen	1098-1179
Hazel Hill	1920-2010
Emma Hobhouse	1860-1926
Dorothy Hodgkin	1910-1994
Billie Holiday	1915-1959
Elsa Holzer	c 1904-unknown
Anna Honzakova	1875-1940
Helen Hopekirk	1856-1945
Henrietta Howard	1689-1767
Zora Neale Hurston	1891-1960
Ellen Hutchins	1785-1815
Susan Hyde	1607-1656
Hypatia	c 355-415 CE
Elizabeth Ilive	1769-1822

Noor Inayat Khan	1914-1944
María Izquierdo	1902–1955
Mary Jackson	1921-2005
Jane Jacobs	1916-2006
Tove Jansson	1914-2001
Qiu Jin	1875-1907
Fatima Jinnah	1893-1967
Of Arc Joan	c 1412-1431
Katherine Johnson	1918-2020
Marsha P Johnson	1945-1992
Irène Joliot-Curie	1897-1956
Claudia Jones	1915-1964
Mary G Harris Jones	1837-1930
Andrée de Jongh	1916-2007
Julian of Norwich	1343-after 1416
Ginette Jullian	1917-1962
Annie Jump Cannon	1863-1941
Frieda Kahlo	1907-1954
Katherine of Aragon	1485-1536
Helen Keller	1880-1968
Margery Kempe	1373-after 1438
Mary Kenner	1912-2006
Annie Kenney	1879-1953
Florence Ada Keynes	1861-1958
Anbara Salam Khalidi	1897-1986
Habba Khatoon	1554-1609
Princess Khutulun	c 1260-1306
Khadija bint Khuwaylid	555-619 CE
Mary Kingsley	1860-1900
Toshiko Kishida	1863-1901
Flemmie Pansy Kittrell	1904-1980
Laura Knight	1877-1970
Margaret Knight	1938-1914
Alexandra Kollontai	1872-1952
Kathe Kollwitz	1867-1945
Sucheta Kriplani	1908-1974
Maggie Kuhn	1905-1995
Kuyili	18th C
Louise Labé	c 1524-1566
Henrietta Lacks	1920-1951
Ladies of Llangollen	1755-1829

Margaret Haig Macworth, Lady Rhondda	1883-1958
Lakshimibai of Jhansi	1828-1858
Hedy Lamarr	1914-2000
Amelia (Bassano) Lanyer	1569-1645
Dorothy Lawrence	1896-1964
Florence Lawrence	1886-1938
Emma Lazarus	1849-1887
Henrietta Swan Leavitt	1868-1921
Ann Lee	1736-1784
Jennie Lee	1904-1988
Etta Lemon	1860-1953
Charlotte Lennox	1730-1804
Licoricia of Winchester	13th C
Joan Littlewood	1914-2002
Drusilla Livia	58-29 BCE
Grazide Lizier	14th C
Audre Lorde	1934-1992
Ada Lovelace	1815-1852
Lozen	c 1840-1889
Lucia of Syracuse	283-304
Lucy	c 3.2 million years BCE
Ida Lupino	1918-1995
Rosa Luxemburg	1871-1919
Dr Kathleen Lynn	1874-1955
Wangari Maathai	1940-2011
Mary Macarthur	1880-1921
Lady Macbeth	c 1020-1054
Elspeth MacEwen	b ?- d 1698
Lizzie Magie	1866-1948
Madame de Maintenon	1635-1719
Miriam Makeba	1932-2008
Makeda	10th C BCE
of Austria Margaret	1480-1530
Margaret of Scotland	1045-1093
Mileva Marić	1875-1948
Marie of Romania	1875-1938
Kitty Marion	1871-1944
Marisol	1930-2016
Beryl Markham	1902-1986
Countess Markievicz	1868-1927
Ngaio Marsh	1895-1982

Una Marson	1905-1965
Harriet Martineau	1802- 1876
Hilda Matheson	1888-1940
Prem Mathur	1910-1992
Matilda of Canossa	1046-1115
Matilda of England	1102-1167
Muriel Matters	1877-1969
Margaret Maughan	1928-2020
Annie Russell Maunder	1868-1947
Maria Goeppert Mayer	1906-1972
Patricia McCaul Collins	1917-1995
Elizabeth McCombs	1873-1935
Mary Ann McCracken	1770-1866
Ena McEntee	1926-1995
Margaret Mead	1901-1978
Catherine de' Medici	1519-1589
Meera/Mirabai	1498-1573
Golda Meir	1898-1978
Lise Meitner	1878-1968
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Melisande of Jerusalem	1105-1161
Vera Menchik	1906-1944
Louise Michel	1830-1905
Alice Miller	1923-2010
Lee Miller	1907-1977
June Tarpé Mills	1918-1988
Maria Mitchell	1818-1889
Naomi Mitchison	1897-1999
Adrienne Monnier	1892-1955
Lady Mary Wortley Montagu	1689-1762
Rita Levi Montalcini	1909-2012
Maria Montessori	1870-1952
Eleonora di Mora	1642-1707?
Hannah More	1745-1833
Mary Sherman Morgan	1921-2004
Olive Morris	1952-1979
Mary Morris	1862-1938
Toni Morrison	1931-2019
Mo Mowlam	1949-2005
Honora 'Nano' Nagle	1718-1784
Rose Nangeli	18th C

Nanny of the Maroons	1686-1733
Ella Negruzzi	1876-1948
Hellé Nice	1900-1984
Nichola de la Haye	c 1150-1230
Jemima Nicholas	1750-1832
Asenath Nicholson	1792-1855
Florence Nightingale	1820-1910
Zeb (un) Nissa	1638-1702
Emmy Noether	1882-1935
Helena Normanton	1882-1957
Caroline Norton	1808-1877
Ann Nzingha	1582-1663
Georgia O'Keeffe	1887-1986
Olga of Kiev	890-969
Kathleen Timpson Ollerenshaw	1912-2014
Grace O'Malley	1530-1603
Joan Murrell Owens	1933-2011
Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit	1900-1990
Emmeline Pankhurst	1858-1928
Sylvia Pankhurst	1882-1960
Kyung-won Park	1901-1933
Rosa Parks	1913-2005
Lily Parr	1905-1978
Lucy Parsons	1851-1942
Charlotte Perriand	1903-1999
Gladys Peto	1890-1977
Mildred Mary Petre	1895-1990
Walatta Petros	1592-1642
Savitribai Phule	1831-1897
Christine de Pisan	c 1364-c 1430
Dorothy Porter	1905-1995
Beatrix Potter	1866-1943
Harriet Powers	1839-1910
Pearl Primus	1919-1994
Harriet Quimby	1875-1912
Radclyffe Hall	1880-1943
Jeannette Rankin	1880-1973
Mary Ann Rawson	1801-1887
Adrienne Rich	1929-2012
Hilda Richardson	1926-2000
Rosa Matilda Richter	1863-1937

Sally Ride	1951-2012
Edith Rigby	1872-1950
Kate Roberts	1891-1985
Anita Roddick	1942-2007
Emily Warren Roebling	1843-1903
Nancy Grace Roman	1925-2018
Eleanor Roosevelt	1884-1962
Christina Rossetti	1830-1994
Alice Ross -King	1887-1968
Katherine Routledge	1866-1935
Dorothy Rundle	1932-2016
Enriqueta Rylands	1843-1908
Sacagawea	c 1788-1812 (or 1884?)
Lorna Sage	1943-2001
Margaret Sanger	1879-1966
Sappho	630-570 BCE
Sophie Scholl	1921-1943
Clara Schumann	1819-1896
Rosika Schwimmer	1877-1948
Elisabeth Scott	1898-1972
Mary Secole	1805-1881
Seh-Hong-Dong-Beh	19th C
Danica Selekovitch	1921-2001
Irena Sendler	1910-2008
Gebru Senedu	1916-2019
Hannah Senesh	1921-1944
Huda Sha'arawi	1879-1947
Doria Shafik	1908-1975
Mary Shelley	1797-1851
Nan Shepherd	1891-1981
Amrita Sher-Gil	1913-1941
Sheila Sherlock	1918-2001
Murasaki Shikibu	c 973 (978?) c 1014 (1031?)
Beatrice Shilling	1909-1990
Edith Shove	1848-1929
Charlotte von Siebold	1788-1859
Swietoslaca	967-1014
Nina Simone	1933-2003
Sophia Duleep Singh	1876-1948
Elisabetta Sirani	1638-1665
Krystyna Skarbek	1908-1952

Rosina Sky	20th C
Bessie Smith	1894-1937
Mary Harris Smith	1844-1934
Mary Somerville	1780-1872
Susan Sontag	1933-2004
Cornelia Sorabji	1866-1954
Constance Spry	1886-1960
Nettie Stevens	1861-1912
Alice Stoll	1917-2014
Florence Stoney	1870-1932
Charlotte Carmichael Stopes	1840-1929
Amina Sukhera	c 1553-1610
Raisa Sumachevskaya	1922-2005
Elisabeth Svendsen	1930-2011
Mary Swanzy	1882-1978
Violette Szabo	1921-1945
Seweryna Szmaglewska	1916-1992
Junko Tabei	1939-2016
Helen Taylor	1831-1907
Marie Tharp	1920-2006
Sister Rosetta Tharpe	1915-1973
Margaret Thatcher	1925-2013
Theodora of Byzantium	c 500-548 CE
Lucy Townsend	1781-1847
Wendy Toyé	1917-2010
Triệu Thị Trinh	3rd C BCE
Flora Tristan	1803-1844
Sojourner Truth	1797-1883
Harriet Tubman	c 1850-1913
Agnès Varda	1928-2019
Dame Janet Vaughan	1899-1993
Dorothy Vaughan	1910-2008
Simone Veil	1927-2017
Queen Victoria	1819-1901
Jeanne Villepreux-Power	1794-1871
Ester Wajcblum	1924-1945
Madam C J Walker	1867-1919
Mary Edwards Walker	1832-1919
Aloha Wanderwall	1906-1996
Kay Webb	1914-1996
Ida B Wells-Barnett	1862-1931

Johanna Westerdijk	1883-1961
Whakaotirangi	13th C
Edith Wharton	1862-1937
Jane Whorwood	1612-1684
Stefania Wilczynska	1911-1980
Hannah Wilke	1940-1993
Miriam Kate Williams	1874-1946
Emily Williamson	1885-1936
Francesca Wilson	1888-1981
Pearl Witherington	1914-2008
Mary Wollstonecraft	1759-1797
Victoria Wood	1953-2016
Victoria Woodhull	1838-1927
Raga Woods	c 1940
Elizabeth Woodville	1437-1492
Virginia Woolf	1882-1941
Jane Wright	1919-2013
Chien-Shiung Wu	1912-1997
Diana Wynn Jones	1934-2011
Marguertite Yourcenar	1903-1987
Septimia Zenobia	240-274 CE
Wang Zhenyi	1768-1797