

WOMEN MAKING HISTORY

The women you have read about in TFK® this month are only a few of thousands whose accomplishments have helped shape our lives. We honor these women throughout the year by learning about them.

Read the chart. Then use it to answer the questions below on a separate sheet of paper.

NAME	PROFESSION	YEARS LIVED	CLAIM TO FAME
Margaret Bourke-White	Photojournalist	1904–1971	She was one of the first photographers to create the photo essay, a series of photos used to tell a story.
Rachel Carson	Environmentalist	1907–1964	Her book <i>Silent Spring</i> , written in 1962, made people aware of how pesticides, chemicals used to kill insects, affect people and the environment.
Maria Telkes	Chemist & Solar Engineer	1900–1995	In 1948, she designed the heating system for the first solar-powered house.
Ella Fitzgerald	Jazz Singer	1917–1996	Her marvelous voice!
Dolores Huerta	Activist	1930–	In 1962, she co-founded the United Farm Workers Union to help farm workers get fair wages and better working conditions.
Shirley Chisholm	Politician	1924–	She was the first African-American woman elected to Congress.
Annie Jump Cannon	Astronomer	1863–1941	She discovered more than 300 stars!
Maya Lin	Architect & Sculptor	1959–	At the age of 21, she won a design contest to create the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

- Who was Rachel Carson? Is her book important to read today? Why or why not?
- Choose one woman from the chart. What did she achieve? Will her accomplishments still be important in the future? Why or why not?
- Which woman on the chart has had the greatest impact on your life? Why?
- Which woman on the chart would you most like to meet? Why? What three questions would you like to ask her?
- Now honor the women in your life! Add to the chart the names of two women who are important to you. Complete the chart with information about them.