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Create Your Own History for Your Own World

Shriya Raja

There was a time when women were looked down on. A time when we were deprived of the opportunities we have today. A time when we were considered burdens. Evidently, times have changed. Women are now considered powerful. We are considered brave. We are making history. But some of the nation's youth have failed to realize this fact. Women are constantly dragged down for frivolous, materialistic things like clothing, appearance, or even personality. This has caused the collective mental stability of the country's youth, specifically females, to decrease significantly. Women are doubting themselves. They are looking in the mirror and criticizing themselves. People think that teenagers are overreacting when they say they feel insecure, but they couldn't be more wrong. Women are insecure. We are scared. We are unconfident. And we are calling for help. But no one seems to be listening. When I had the opportunity to interview Lori, the CEO of OMI and the founder of National Youth Week, I got to view the world from a different perspective. Specifically, the perspective of a woman that is making history. As I listened to the various experiences and the multitude of teens that Lori had spoken to, I was able to truly understand the gravity of the situation. My first thought at her astonishing stories was, how could we have let the state of our youth stray so far? Through OMI and your help, I believe that we can speak life into the nation's youth. Here are some helpful hints for change!

BE ATTENTIVE

Listen to your child. Hear their perspectives and opinions before chiming in with yours.



BE TRUSTWORTHY

Make your child feel safe enough to where they can share anything with you.



BE PATIENT

Teenagers need time to process information. Do not rush your child.



BE UNDERSTANDING

No matter what your child tells you, assure them that you will always be there for them.



BE RESPECTFUL

Do not make your child feel as though they are being judged. Be respectful.



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Who was Claudette Colvin?

Saanvi Maskara

Many of us have heard about Rosa Parks, but have you heard about Claudette Colvin? She refused to sit in the back of a bus and give her seat to a white person before Rosa Parks did on March 2nd, 1955 - when she was 15. She refused to give up her seat, arguing that she'd paid her fare and it was her legal right to sit where she pleased. However, she was handcuffed and arrested. Colvin went on to challenge the law in the case *Browder v. Gale*. This was a turning point in black history, because it overpowered and eliminated the segregation laws in Montgomery and Alabama. You may wonder why you haven't heard much about her. She became forgotten because she was a teenager and many didn't find her reliable. In addition, it was believed that Rosa Parks fit the 'profile' better. Never let anyone look down on you as a YOUTH. You have a purpose.

Volunteer Recommendation Form

Fareeha Mohammad

April is National Volunteer Month, and we want to highlight some of our most dedicated volunteers. Click [here](#) to recommend someone!

The Meaning of Womanhood

Takoda Wells



Being a woman is a special experience, rich in history and community.

Women all around the world share a bond with each other like no one else can. We are united by times of hardship and loss but also by triumph and hope. It is through these times where we learn what living as a woman really means. Living as a woman means standing up for your rights, taking charge, and breaking glass ceilings. It means caring for your sisters and making the world a better place for those after you. Being a woman means creating your own destiny. There's no one else I'd rather be; that's what being a woman means to me.



PRESIDENT'S NOTE

This is the kickoff to Women's History Month (WHM) for us. I am proud and consider it an honor to be a Woman. Women have fought for so many years to be known for more than just their body and be valued for their intellect and emotional IQ. I know that our young ladies are struggling with self-hatred in this generation, and we are doing everything we can to combat that. Yes, we are in a war against death for our youth. So join me in honor of WHM; the next time you see a young lady, let her know she is Beautiful and she matters. Her life has purpose and continue making history for the future women leaders.

Activity Page: Women's History Month Quiz

Grace Gaddam

How well do you know your Women's History? Complete the quiz below and tag us @nywusa with your completed answers!

1. B_____ M_____ is the longest-serving female U.S. senator, elected in 1986.
2. Charlotte Ray was the first woman admitted to the District of Columbia bar in _____, while being the first black woman to be a lawyer in the U.S.
3. Who played a significant role in outlawing lynchings and supported the formation of the NAACP?
4. In modern history, the first woman to lead a powerful Native-American tribe, the Cherokee Nation, is W_____ M_____.
5. Taylor Swift is the first female artist to win the _____ 3 times.
6. Shirin Ebadi is the first Muslim and Iranian woman to win the...?
7. In 2006, of what country did Michelle Bachelet become the first female president?
8. Who is known for being the first Black woman to serve as the First Lady of the U.S.?
9. In 2004, who became the first billionaire author?
10. Amelia Earhart is the first female aviator to fly across what ocean?

10. Atlantic

9. J.K. Rowling

8. Michelle Obama

7. Chile

6. Nobel Peace Prize

Grammy

5. Album of the Year

4. Wilma Mankiller

3. Ida Wells-Barnett

2. 1872

1. Barbara Mikulski

Answer Key: