

Celebrating Women

Who inspires you?

GOAL

This lesson is designed to give students a reference point in women's history and to bring to their attention the accomplishments, significant achievements, and changing roles of women in history.

OVERVIEW

In the movie "Now Chinatown", Lee is striving to improve her life. Just like her, there are numerous women throughout history that have worked hard to improve their own lives as well as those of many others. In this assignment, we will explore how their efforts affect each of our lives today. This unit is appropriate for lessons in history, language arts, journalism, creative writing and social sciences.

METHODOLOGY

- Students explore the feminist movement by reading biographies of women like Gloria Steinem or Susan B. Anthony.
- They should then pick an important woman from history and create their own biographical sketch.
- Students can then write an essay about how their lives or Lee's life in the movie would have been different if these women in history had not strived for the changes they made.

OPTIONS

- Have students create a visual display or an essay concerning the changing role of women. This could focus on any aspect including work roles, family roles, politics, and popular culture.
- Students can create a webpage showing the major contributions of either one woman in history or women in general.
- Review the timeline of women in history and listen to the speeches of Eleanor Roosevelt. Have students write a letter to Eleanor Roosevelt about her impact or have them write a speech for today as if they were Eleanor Roosevelt.

