

Women's History Month

Curriculum Corner

During Women's History Month, these resources can help you create meaningful class discussions and activities for students to explore women's changing roles and rights throughout history and in modern society.

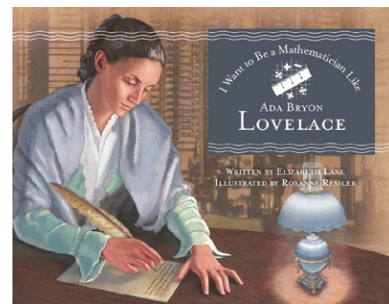
I Showed Perseverance When . . .

PreK–2nd Grade Books

The books listed below all have the element of perseverance. Continuing when things get tough is much easier when you believe you can learn or achieve new things. Choose one of the books below to read with your students.

How did the woman in the story persevere to make discoveries or learn new things? Can your students think of a time when they kept trying even though it was difficult? What strategies did they use to keep trying?

- [I Want to Be a Scientist Like Jane Goodall](#)
- [I Want to Be a Mathematician Like Sophie Germain](#)
- [I Want to Be a Mathematician Like Ada Bryon Lovelace](#)
- [I Want to Be a Scientist Like Marie Curie](#)
- [Courage to Learn: The Story of Helen Keller](#)
- [Discovering Dinosaurs](#) (Mary Anning)
- [Reaching Above: The Bessie Coleman Story](#)

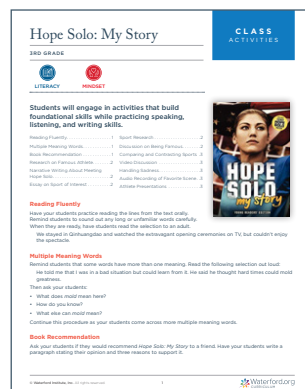


Hope Solo: My Story by Hope Solo

3rd Grade

In this [curriculet](#), students explore the exciting life story of Olympic gold medalist and goalkeeper Hope Solo. As a fearless, role model, her memoir inspires triumph over adversity. The guided annotations and questions also help students explore figurative language, point of view, and author's purpose.

The corresponding [Hope Solo class activities](#) include ideas for students to engage their speaking, writing, and listening skills while further exploring themes from the book.



Diary of Ma Yan: The Struggles and Hopes of a Chinese Schoolgirl by Ma Yan and Pierre Haski

6th Grade

Students are exposed to the ideas of choice versus obligation, schooling, and Ramadan in this [curriculet](#). They watch Ma Yan's struggle to escape hardship and bring prosperity to her family. Annotations and questions throughout the curriculet help explain cause and effect, making connections, and summarizing.

[The Diary of Ma Yan class activities](#) contain reflective research and writing prompts so that students can add to their background knowledge and understanding of Ma Yan's world view.

