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Celebrate LBT Women!

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Many young people explain that their high school history classes focus almost entirely on the contributions of white straight men, with little mention of the contributions of people of color, LGBTQ people, and women. Similar complaints have been made about the LGBTQ movement, which shows that sexism and racism spread far beyond mainstream culture and we must all work against these oppressions.

Years of activism, organizing and education have lead to the dedication of March as Women?s History Month. Now that the FAIR Education Act [1], which ends the exclusion of the contributions of LGBTQ people from social studies classes, has been in effect for over a year, let?s use this opportunity to make sure that our History teachers highlight the contributions of LGBTQ women.

Educate yourself, your GSA, and your teachers about the amazing contributions of LBT women!

- Check out our FAIR Education Act lesson plans and resources [2]. There are tons of stories of LBT women ? pass these along to your social studies teacher!
- Learn about the groundbreaking accomplishments of transwomen with this series over at Transgriot [3]
- Search for female-identified icons in the LGBT History Month Icon Search [4]
- Research and celebrate tons of cool historical figures, including: Audre Lorde, Jane

Addams, Dorothy Allison, Jewelle Gomez, Sylvia Rivera, Gloria Anzaldua, Josephine Baker, Ellen DeGeneres, Cherrie Moraga, Joan Jett, Urvashi Vaid, Kate Bornstein, Frida Kahlo, Kaia Wilson, Carla Trujillo, Sheryl Swoopes, Paula Gunn Allen, Evelyn Mantilla, Barbara Smith, Judith Butler, Pat Griffin, Christine Jorgensen, and more?

- Make posters of famous LBT women and display them at your school.
- Invite speakers to your school who can talk about LBT women's history.
- Organize discussions on the current events and issues related to LBT women.
- Share your thoughts and what you are doing to celebrate LBT women as part of Women's History Month with us through Facebook [5], Twitter [6], and tumblr [7]!
- And, if you succeed ? or run into problems ? in having your teacher talk about LBT women, report back to us with our FAIR/unFAIR [8] survey.

LBT women have been part of every social movement in history, paving the way for social justice and freedoms for all. Be sure to take stock of all of the amazing LBT women in our past and thank the LBT women activists in your life today.

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