

March is Women's History Month and There are 21 Teaching Days in March!  
21 Amazing Indigenous Montana Women  
to Teach and Learn More About

**1. Lily Gladstone: Blackfeet, Nez Perce**

- Award winning actor

**Lesson:** [Celebrating Lily Gladstone](#)

**Article Link:** [Lily Gladstone Makes Golden Globes History as First Indigenous Best Actress Winner](#)

**Video Link:** [Lily Gladstone: Far Out There](#)

**2. Elouise Cobell: Blackfeet, (11/05/45-10/16/11)**

- Tribal Elder
- Activist
- Blackfeet Tribal Treasurer
- [State of Montana – November 5 Elouise Cobell Day](#)

**Lesson:** [100 Years: One Woman's Fight for Justice](#)

**Article Link:** [Elouise Cobell \("Yellow Bird Woman"\)](#)

**Video Link:** DVDs of 100 Years can be found in all Montana public high school libraries

**3. Debra Magpie Earling: Bitterroot Salish**

- Author

**Lesson:** [Reputation and Rurality: Using a Montana-Authored Text to Talk About Agency and Language in the Secondary English Classroom](#)

**Article Link:** [Acclaimed Indigenous author Debra Magpie Earling returns with a new novel](#)

**Video Link:** [2024 - Debra Magpie Earling, The Lost Journals of Sacajawea](#)

**4. Mandy Smoker Broaddus: Member of the Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of Montana**

- Indian Education Advocate
- Author
- 2023 Montana co-Poet Laureate

**Lesson:** [Thunderous](#)

**Article Link:** [Montana's Co-Poet Laureate: Mandy Smoker Broaddus](#)

**Video Link:** [Mandy Smoker Broaddus](#)

**5. Janine Pease: Apsáalooke, Hidatsa**

- Founding President of Little Big Horn College
- Tribal Languages Advocate and Educator

**Lesson:** [Biographical Poems Celebrating Amazing Montana Women Lesson Plan](#)

**Article Link:** [Communicating Tribal Values: The Leadership of Janine Pease](#)

**Video Link:** [Dr. Janine Pease shares advice for American Indian youth](#)



**6. Denise Juneau: Blackfeet, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara**

- First female Native American elected to statewide office in the United States
- Indian Education Advocate and Educator

**Article Link:** [Lessons Learned from a Career in Indian Education: A Conversation with Denise Juneau](#)

**Article Link:** [A Commitment to Education Justice](#)

**Video Link:** [Indian Education and the 1972 Montana Constitution](#)

**7. Heather Cahoon: Member of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes with Upper Kalispel, Nez Perce, Spokane, Kootenai, Chippewa**

- Award-winning Poet
- Scholar of Federal Indian Policy

**Lesson:** [Section on Heather Cahoon pp 12-21 In Birthright Curriculum](#)

**Article Link:** [Q & A with Heather Cahoon Offers Deeper Look at Horsefly Dress](#)

**Video Link:** [Heather Cahoon Reading Poems for Montana OPI's Birthright Video Series](#)

**8. Julie Cajune: Salish**

- Author, Playwright, Director, Filmmaker
- Indian Education Advocate and Educator
- On original committee to write the Essential Understandings Regarding Montana Indians

**Lesson:** Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian Native Knowledge 360 Lesson by Julie Cajune: [How Do Native People and Nations Experience Belonging?](#)

**Article Link:** [Julie Cajune: Teaching American Indian Histories](#)

**Video Link:** [Julie Cajune Videos on the Essential Understandings](#)

**9. Alma Snell Hogan: Apsáalooke (1923–2008)**

- Crow Tribal Historian
- Ethnobotanist
- Educator

**Lesson:** [The Powers of Plants 3-5 Life Science Lesson](#)

**Article Link:** [Pretty Shield's Success: Raising "Grandmother's Grandchild"](#)

**Video Link:** (audio link) [Turtle Island Storyteller Alma Hogan Snell](#)

**10. Pretty Shield: Apsáalooke (1856–1944)**

- Medicine Woman

**Lesson:** [Resilience in Indian Country: Yesterday and Today](#)

**Article Link:** [Pretty Shield: Crow Medicine Woman and Grandmother to Many](#)

**Video Link:** [Pretty Shield -Ranger Tanya Plainfeather](#)

**11. Mariah Gladstone: Blackfeet, Cherokee**

- Indigenous Chef
- Indigenous Food Sovereignty Advocate
- Ethnobotanist

**Lesson:** [Finding Our Roots: Indigenous Foods and the Food Sovereignty Movement in the U.S.](#)

**Article Link** – [Mariah's Indigikitchen](#) website with recipes and resources

**Video Link:** [Mariah's Ethnobotany Presentation for IEFA in 2022](#)



**12. Malia Kipp: Blackfeet** (The IEFA Unit extends our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Malia and we honor her memory by sharing her inspirational story)

- Basketball Player
- Subject of PBS Documentary
- Advocate

**Lesson:** [PBS Learning Media](#)

**Article Link:** [Former Lady Griz Malia Kipp's trailblazing story still inspiring for Native American teammates](#)

**Video Link:** [Native Ball: Legacy of a Trailblazer](#)

**13. Bethany Yellowtail: Northern Cheyenne, Apsáalooke**

- Internationally known Fashion Designer

**Lesson:** [Montana Native Fashion Designers and Strategies for Teaching](#)

**Article Links:** [Bethany Yellowtail on Supporting Community and Culture](#)

**Video Link:** [In Conversation with Bethany Yellowtail | Faherty](#)

**14. Marita Growing Thunder: Member of the Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of Montana**

- MMIP Activist
- Fashion Designer

**Lesson:** [Making Montana Proud Poster of Marita Growing Thunder](#)

**Article Link:** [Voices speak for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls](#)

**Video Link:** [Marita Growing Thunder](#)

**15. LeAnn Montes: Chippewa Cree**

- Attorney General for the Chippewa Cree Tribe of Rocky Boy

**Lesson:** [Making Montana Proud Poster of LeAnn Montes](#)

**Article Link:** [LeAnn Montes a role model both on, off the court](#)

**16. Eldena Bear Don't Walk: Apsáalooke, Salish, Kootenai**

- Attorney
- Judge
- First woman to serve as the Chief Justice of the Crow tribal court

**Article Link:** [Living Her Dream: Eldena Bear Don't Walk Discusses Her Law Career.](#)

**Video Link:** [Eldena Bear Don't Walk: So What's So Important about Tribal Courts?](#)

**17. Agnes Vanderburg: Salish (1901-1989)**

- Cultural Educator and Revered Elder
- Fluent Salish Speaker and Educator
- Indian Education Advocate

**Lesson:** [Two poems about Agnes Vanderburg in OPIs Birthright \(H. Cahoon p 14 and V. Charlo p 23\) – with lesson connections](#)

**Article Link:** [Agnes Vanderburg's Outdoor School for Traditional Indian Ways](#)

**Video Link:** [Interview with Thompson Smith](#)



## 18. Rose Bear Don't Walk: Bitterroot Salish, Apsáalooke

- Environmental Scientist
- Science Educator
- Ethnobotanist
- Indigenous Community Health Advocate

**Lesson:** [Rose's IEFA Webinar on Ethnobotany](#)

**Article Link:** [An Ethnobotanist & The Plants Of Her People](#)

**Video Link:** [Rose Bear Don't Walk](#)

## 19. Rosalyn LaPier: Blackfeet, Métis

- Environmental Scientist
- Science Educator and Author
- Ethnobotanist

**Lesson:** [Dr. LaPier's Lesson and Resource: Relationship with the Land – Seasonal Round](#)

**Article Link:** [STEMTalks: Questions for an Ethnobotanist](#)

**Video Link:** [Indian Education for All Ethnobotany Webinar Rosalyn LaPier](#)

## 20. Lois Red Elk: Member of the Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of Montana

- Author
  - Actor
  - Cultural Consultant for major motion pictures
  - **Lesson:** [Model LA Teaching Unit, American Indian Stories By Zitkala-Ša Gertrude \(Simmons\) Bonnin - connections are made to Lois Red Elk's poetry in context with American Indian Stories - Birthright Born to Poetry - A Collection of Montana Indian Poetry](#)
- Article Link:** [The New West: The voice of Lois Red Elk-Reed hails from the real old West](#)
- Video Link:** [Fort Peck PlaceNames: Lois Red Elk Native Voice](#) – Lois speaks of her life and shares some of her poetry

## 21. Henrietta Mann: Cheyenne

- Indian Education Advocate
- Cultural Leader
- Award-winning Educator

**Lesson:** (video teaching) [Wisdom of the Elders: A Teaching Story by Dr. Henrietta Mann](#)

**Article Link:** [To Build a Better Future than the One We Live In Today](#)

**Video Link:** [PBS Interview with Dr. Henrietta Mann and Dr. Henrietta Mann Speaker Series: Indigenous Perspectives on Earth and Sky, March 18, 2021](#)

