

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

- Basketball Player
- Subject of PBS Documentary
- Advocate

Lesson: Stay tuned – we are working on one!

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 Promotes Clothing, Accessories, and Other Heirlooms with Her Indigenous Heritage in Mind](#) and [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*

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](#)