

March is Women's History Month and There are 22 Teaching Days in March! 22 Amazing Indigenous Montana Women



- **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](#)
- **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
- **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](#)
- **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](#)
- **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](#)



- **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](#)

- **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](#)

- **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](#)

- **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](#)

- **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](#)

- **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](#)



- **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](#)
- **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](#)
- **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](#)
- **LeAnn Montes: Chippewa Cree**
 - Former 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](#)
- **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?](#)
- **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](#)



- **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](#)
- **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](#)
- **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
- **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](#)
- **Resilience: Stories of Twenty Indian Women:** Short essays about twenty powerful Montana American women such as: Oshanee Cullooyah Kenmille, Susie Walking Bear Yellowtail, Minnie Two Shoes, Bonnie HeavyRunner and Theresa Walker Lamebull.

