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Research Skills: Mystery Women

March is Women's History Month. The 10 women described below have all made history. Do you know who they are? Read the clues, and then use the library or the Internet to identify each one.

1. During the Civil War, I was called the "Angel of the Battlefield" for my work helping wounded soldiers. I later founded the American Red Cross and served as its president from 1882 until 1904.

Who am I?

2. I founded the National Council of Negro Women in 1935 and served as its president until 1949. I was an adviser to four U.S. presidents, including President Franklin D. Roosevelt, and was the first black woman to head a federal agency.

Who am I?

3. In 1968, I became the first black woman elected to Congress. In 1972, I became the first African American woman to run for president of the United States with a major-party affiliation when I campaigned for the Democratic Party nomination.

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4. In 1981, I became the first woman to serve as a justice on the U.S. Supreme Court. I grew up on an Arizona ranch and learned to drive by age 7. I attended law school at Stanford University in California and graduated third in my class.

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5. I was cofounder of Hull House in Chicago in 1889, which was a settlement house that provided programs such as English classes for poor immigrants. I won a Nobel Peace Prize in 1931 for my work devoted to peace and social justice.

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6. In the early 1900s, I started my own company that sold hair and beauty products specifically for black women. I employed other African American women and sold the products in black communities. I became the first African American female millionaire.

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7. I led the drive to create state-run mental hospitals after visiting the East Cambridge, Mass., jail for women in 1841. The conditions there shocked me. Prisoners and mentally ill patients were housed together and some prisoners were chained in cages. During the Civil War, I was superintendent of U.S. Army nurses.

Who am I?

8. I was rejected by 29 medical schools before the Geneva Medical School in Geneva, N.Y., accepted me. When I graduated in 1849, I was the first female doctor in the United States. My sister and I opened the New York Infirmary for Women and Children in 1857.

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9. I was a biologist who wrote about the dangers of the chemical DDT and other pesticides in *Silent Spring*. Though my 1962 book was considered very controversial at the time, my arguments later led to the modern environmental movement.

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10. I was an influential American journalist who became the first female president of a Fortune 500 company in 1963, when I took the helm of *The Washington Post*. My autobiography, *Personal History*, won a Pulitzer Prize.

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Answer Key:

1. Clara Barton
2. Mary McLeod Bethune
3. Shirley Chisholm
4. Sandra Day O'Connor
5. Jane Addams
6. Madam C. J. Walker
7. Dorothea Dix
8. Elizabeth Blackwell
9. Rachel Carson
10. Katherine Graham