

American Women Gallery Walk Information:

Take a look at what the students will see when they scan the gallery walk images!

Each image in this booklet tells a story of the woman's life and her accomplishments. These images will pop up on the mobile device being used by the student during the gallery walk. All five of the images in this booklet are personalized to fit the lives of **Barbara Jordan, Mae Jemison, Madam C.J. Walker, Bessie Coleman, and Wilma Rudolph**. Students will be able to go to scan the images of these women during the gallery walk and explore the facts of each woman.



Barbara Jordan



1. Born February 21st, 1936 in Houston, Texas.
2. Graduated High School in the top 5% of her class.
3. Won the title "National Champion Debater" while attending Texas Southern University.
4. After graduation, Barbara returned to Houston to run a private law firm.
5. 1966- Barbara became the 1st African American woman to be elected to the Texas Senate.
6. 1972- Barbara ran for Congress and WON.
7. Congress allowed her to support bills including the Workman's Compensation Act and the Voting Rights Act of 1956.
8. Barbara eventually earned the title of the Professor of Public Affairs at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs .



Mae Jemison



1. Born December October 17th, 1956 in Decatur, Alabama.
2. Grew up in Chicago showing a great interest in science.
3. Mae attended Stanford University at the age of 16 and then went on to medical school and became a doctor.
4. After volunteering in the Peace Corps for two and a half years, Mae began training with NASA.
5. On September 12th, 1992, Dr. Mae Jemison became the 1st African American woman in space.
6. Mae has won more than 16 awards and has been inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame as well as the National Medical Association Hall of Fame.
7. Mae Jamison now has her own organizations and speaks publicly about scientific issues and encourages women of all races to pursue careers in science.



Madam C.J. Walker



1. Born December 23rd, 1867 in Delta, Louisiana with her given name: Sarah Breedlove

2. 1st of her siblings to be born after the abolition of slavery, but was orphaned at the age of 7, working in cotton fields.

3. Married at the age of 14, she had a daughter and moved to St. Louis.

4 During the 1890's, she began to lose her hair and began to experiment with hair care products.

5. She found a solution that worked for both African American women and men and began to sell it door-to-door.

6. Eventually expanding her business, her sales reached Central America and the Caribbean.

7. Then, she began being involved in politics, civil rights, and community projects. Donating thousands of dollars to the NAACP.



Bessie Coleman



1. Born January 26th, 1892 in Atlanta, Texas.
2. In 1915, Bessie went to Chicago to live with her brother and work as a beautician.
3. Her brother who told her about women flying airplanes in France.
4. In 1919, Bessie decided she wanted to fly, attended school in France, and obtained her license to fly.
5. When returning to America in 1922, Bessie discovered she was FAMOUS and everyone wanted to see her fly!
6. Bessie defined gender and racial barriers while putting on air shows in 1925.
7. After a Bessie's death in a fatal plane crash in 1926, a flight school for African Americans was opened.
8. Bessie Coleman is famous for being the 1st African American female pilot.



Wilma Rudolph



1. Born on June 23rd, 1940 in St. Bethlehem, Tennessee.
2. Complications at birth included weighing 4.5 lbs, pneumonia, polio, and scarlet fever. Wilma was also the 20th sibling in her family.
3. At the age of 6, Wilma had to wear a metal brace on her left leg.
4. With therapy, the brace was removed at the age of 9 and Wilma soon started enjoying sports.
5. In high school, Wilma attended college track practices.. she had a natural ability to run.
6. Overcoming her disabilities, Wilma earned herself a spot on the 1960 Olympic Team.
7. She became known as "the fastest woman in the world", being the 1st American woman to win 3 gold medals.
8. Wilma's homecoming parade and banquet was the 1st integrated event i her hometown.