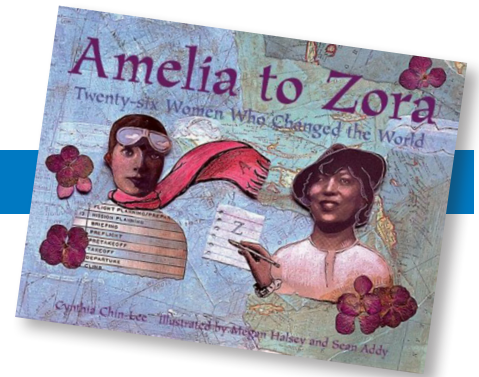


Amelia to Zora

Twenty-six Women Who Changed the World



A RIF GUIDE FOR EDUCATORS

Themes: Hard Work, Perseverance, Women in History

Grade Level: 3rd to 5th grade

Book Brief: This book introduces an alphabet of female artists, explorers, inventors, and activists who made an important impact on our world.

Author:
Cynthia
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Illustrator:
Megan Halsey and Sean Addy

Content Connections:
Science, Social Studies, Math, Art



TIME TO READ!

BEFORE WE READ, LET'S LOOK AT...

The Cover: Have students make predictions about the story based on the title and

cover illustration. Who is Amelia? What can we tell about her based on her outfit on the cover?

The Pictures: Flip through some of the pictures. Do the students recognize any of the women? What do they notice about the pictures? Point out that the illustrations are collages made from materials that represent each woman (e.g., Lena Horne's dress is sheet music).

Prior Knowledge: Explain that this book profiles 26 women who changed the world. Many important women in history are less famous and respected than men who did the same things. Why would this be? How can we change this? Have students brainstorm with a partner and then share ideas with the class.

Vocabulary: Will vary from page to page.

Purpose for Reading: This book works best if you read about a few women at a time. As you read, tell students to make comparisons between the women, their lives, and their motivations.



WHILE WE READ

MONITORING COMPREHENSION

For each woman's profile, ask:

◆ How did she get started in her field?

- ◆ What motivated her?
- ◆ What challenges did she face?
- ◆ How did she change the world?

LET'S THINK ABOUT

Our Purpose: "What do all of these women have in common? What character traits do they all share? How are they different?"

Extending Our Thinking: This book is full of artists, activists—even a teacher. What does it mean to change the world? Do you have to be a brilliant scientist or a politician to make a difference? As a class, brainstorm simple, everyday ways even an elementary school student can make the world a better place.

NOTE TO EDUCATORS

◆ Extension Activities for Educators also available.



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