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Black History Month: Women

Directions: Black History Month is a time to celebrate the contributions of this important community in our nation. In particular, it is especially important to honor the work of Black women, a group that has endured its own challenges related to civil rights. You'll have a chance to learn about three modern, influential women and it will be your job to identify why they can be seen as strong role models for others. Answer the questions below to start thinking about influential figures you already know about. Write in complete sentences.

 Identify famous Black women from history you've learned about in the past. What did they do and achieve?
(Option: If you're not sure, what do you know about Black History Month? Who are some influential figures, either male or female, you've learned about in the past?)

 While you may have learned about famous women from history, today you'll focus on modern women who have a big influence today. Many would consider them role models. A role model is someone you can look up to. They set a good example!

In your opinion, what qualities make someone a good role model for others?

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Black History Month: Ava DuVernay


Directions: Each February, people all over the United States celebrate Black History Month, a time dedicated to an important and powerful group within our national community. Read the article below about Ava DuVernay, a filmmaker and activist. Through her art, she honors the legacy of Black culture and experiences. After reading about Ava DuVernay, respond to the prompts below in complete sentences.

Who is Ava DuVernay?

Ava DuVernay is a Black American filmmaker who tells many important stories through film. She has used the experiences of Black Americans to help younger generations connect with stories from the 20th century.

For example, as a child Ava DuVernay visited her father in Selma, Alabama. Selma is a small town that has a big connection to an important event during the Civil Rights Movement. In Selma during the 1960s, Black Americans and their allies engaged in protest marches which eventually pushed the government to establish the Voting Rights Act, putting an end to voting discrimination. DuVernay directed a film called *Selma* about the marches and the film was nominated for an Academy Award.

DuVernay also has used her experience to mentor young filmmakers. In addition, DuVernay has directed other projects and series about events in history important to her community.

 **Describe Ava DuVernay in two words. Explain why you chose those words. Finally, share your ideas about why DuVernay is a good role model. Finally, what questions might you ask her if you had the chance to meet?**

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Black History Month: Elaine Welteroth


Directions: Each February, people all over the United States celebrate Black History Month, a time dedicated to an important and powerful group within our national community. Read the article below about Elaine Welteroth, a fashion editor. Her contributions to the world of fashion have allowed her to serve as a role model for others. Through her work, she demonstrates leadership and commitment.

Who is Elaine Welteroth?

Elaine Welteroth is a Black American fashion editor and author.

She is an editor for *Teen Vogue*, a popular magazine for young people, and she is one of the youngest editors in history to lead that magazine. Additionally, she has made changes that have enhanced the types of articles published in *Teen Vogue*. For instance, she includes articles about politics and social movements to encourage young readers to stay informed and become active in their local and national communities.

In addition to her work for the magazine, Welteroth has used her platform to discuss beauty standards and the ways that mainstream culture can change to be more inclusive.

 **Describe Elaine Welteroth in two words. Explain why you chose those words. Finally, share your ideas about why Welteroth is a good role model. What questions might you ask her if you had the chance to meet?**

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Black History Month: Coco Gauff


Directions: Each February, people all over the United States celebrate Black History Month, a time dedicated to an important and powerful group within our national community. Read the article below about Coco Gauff, a successful tennis player and role model for others. She may be young, but she is already at the top of her game!

Who is Coco Gauff?

Coco Gauff is an American tennis player. She became more well-known after she defeated Venus Williams, a successful, more experienced player in a major competition.

Gauff is religious and has spoken about how her faith is a big part of her life. Her spirituality allows others to identify with her. Gauff has also openly discussed some of her mental health challenges and how her intense dedication to tennis has sometimes led to increased stress.

Today, she travels all over the world playing tennis against skilled opponents.

 **Describe Coco Gauff in two words. Explain why you chose those words. Finally, share your ideas about why Gauff is a good role model for others. What questions might you ask her if you had the chance to meet?**