

# WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

## **BOOK: Exquisite: The Poetry and Life of Gwendolyn Brooks**

### **ACTIVITY**

- Read some of Brooks' poetry and talk about what it's about at <https://poetryteatime.com/blog/learn-about-gwendolyn-brooks>
- Check out this story of creating the book itself and how the author and illustrator worked to create an authentic book. Talk about how much work went into this process and ask why they needed to do some much of that work? Could they use their imagination? <https://youtu.be/gQPacSpvfV0>

## **BOOK: ALTHEA GIBSON: THE STORY OF TENNIS' FLEET-OF-FOOT GIRL**

### **ACTIVITY:**

Questions to discuss together after reading:

- Why couldn't Althea play in places like other tennis players?
- What made Althea so special?
- Where did Althea grow up?

Watch a short biography about Althea Gibson and her famous wins to see her in action! <https://youtu.be/32d7QYeAQRy>

## **BOOK: Life in the Ocean: The Story of Oceanographer Sylvia Earle**

### **ACTIVITY**

- Talk about what pollution in the ocean means and why we should be take care of the oceans. a
- Think about some of the things Sylvia saw in the ocean and what the illustrator drew. Draw some ocean animals!
- Check out these learning at home videos from the Georgia Aquarium to learn more about the ocean and what is happening to it today <https://www.georgiaaquarium.org/at-home-learning-with-georgia-aquarium/>

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## **BOOK: A Race Around the World: The True Story of Nellie Bly and Elizabeth Bisland**

### **ACTIVITY**

#### **Discussion questions:**

- What would it be like to travel around the world now? What was different for Nellie Bly and Elizabeth Bisland?
- Why was this trip so amazing to people?
- How did they find out about it?

Check out this minute long biography of Nellie Bly from the National Women's History Museum to find out a little more!

<https://www.womenshistory.org/resources/video/womens-history-minute-nellie-bly>