



HER STORY: A TIMELINE OF THE WOMEN WHO CHANGED AMERICA **BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION: How to Structure Your Conversation**

One way to enjoy discussing this book during your book club session is to ask all members to follow some suggested guidelines. You will find that this simple structure adds focus and richness to the discussion; you will learn both more about each other and more about the book as well. Your book club may wish to use one or more of the following ideas.

1. Each member of the book club might pick 20 or 30 years of history as identified in the book. The member will then report on the women highlighted in those years.
2. Using the professions index in the back of the book, members might pick a profession and follow the evolution of the women in that profession over the course of U.S. history.
3. Another option is to pick a major social movement and follow the progress of that movement. Social movements to select from include abolition, suffrage (women's rights), civil rights, mental health, saving the environment and health care.
4. Your group might choose to follow the progress of women by identifying some of the areas where women's progress might be seen such as in: Education, Politics, Religion, Business and the Arts.
5. Each member might respond to the following: whose achievement in the book is most meaningful to you and why?
6. Discuss answers to the following items: I didn't know _____. I never heard of _____. I was surprised to see _____. I was surprised not to see _____.



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