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Women's History of Outer Space



Resource Guide

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This document is meant as a partner to the online Women's History of Outer Space timeline(s) found at: <http://www.pecknotes.com/womens-space-history-timeline/>

As I say on the website, while I have compiled all of this information into a single place (and I'm certainly not the first person to attempt this), the truth is that these timelines reference the work of literally hundreds of people.

This is not an exhaustive list of all possible resources about any given person or topic, but rather a curated list of some of the more interesting documents or collections of stories. Concurrently, I have probably not even scratched the surface of all the women that belong on this timeline. I say this at the start to emphasize that I have no ulterior motives to my article (or person) selections and mean no disparagement by either's absence. If you have done your life's work on Maria Mitchell and I have somehow overlooked your work, I apologize in advance.... Just point me in the right direction and I'll do what I can to keep this list updated.

On that note, not all of the resources in this list are necessarily "good" sources and some have significant historical inaccuracies or debatable points (e.g. Lewis and Toland on Hypatia...) - but I have included them if they were something that I looked at or came across during my searches that provided an interesting / unique / "important" / perspective on the person/issue.

Lastly, I am purposely writing this for maximum accessibility to younger readers and I have purposely given the website timeline summaries a positive tone. I am not overlooking, denying, hiding, or otherwise obscuring the very real discrimination and sexism that nearly every woman described on this timeline directly faced. However, for the purposes of this timeline, I have chosen to focus on accomplishments rather than impediments.

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1850 – Present

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