

### Some Important Dates in Women's History

- Christine de Pizan's *City of Ladies* (1405)
- Reign of Elizabeth I in England (1558-1603)
- Martin Luther and Katherine von Bora (marriage from 1525-1546)
  - Idea of companionate marriage
- Ursuline Order founded by Angela Merici (1535)
- Enclosure movement forces some women into cities (1600s and 1700s)
- Cottage Industry (late 1600s and 1700s)
- Women involved in factory life and labor (1750 on)
- Marriage based more on romance (1700s)
- Witchcraft accusations decline starting in the 1700s
- Reign of Catherine the Great in Russia (1762-1796)
- Reign of Marie Theresa in Austria (1740-1780)
- Madame de Geoffrin's salon (1750-1777)
- Women involved in multiple parts of the French Revolution (1789-1799)
  - Women's March on Versailles (October 5, 1789)
  - Olympe de Gouges: *The Rights of Women* (1791)
  - Charlotte Corday assassinates Marat (July 13, 1793)
  - Napoleonic Code discriminates against women (Code established in 1804)
- Idea of cult of domesticity (1800s)
- Women get involved in socialist movements (1800s)
- Woman "Suffragettes" in England:
  - Millicent Garret Fawcett (1847-1929)
    - Founded National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies (NUWSS) in 1897
  - Emmeline Pankhurst (1858-1928)
    - Founded Women's Social and Political Union in 1903
- Women get the right to vote in Finland (1907)
- Women get the right to vote in the majority of European countries by 1920
  - Representation of the People Act in 1918 and 1928 in England (30 and above, 21 and above)
  - Examples after WWII:
    - France (1945)
    - Italy (1946)
    - Switzerland (1971)
- Fascist motherhood idea in Italy and German (1920s-1940s)
- Simon de Beauvoir writes *The Second Sex* (1949)
- France ends its ban on birth control (1965)
- Women gain divorce rights and abortion rights in Italy (1970s)