

# OHIO

## HISTORY DAY

### Local History Topics: Breaking Barriers in History

#### History of the Abolition Movement

- *Dred Scott v. Sandford*
- Harriet Beecher Stowe – Abolitionist and author of Uncle Tom's Cabin
- Joshua R. Giddings – Abolitionist, one of the founders and member of the Republican Party
- *Jones v. Van Zandt* & the Constitutional Question of Slavery
- Lane Seminary Debates
- Ohio in the Underground Railroad
  - John P. Parker
  - John Rankin
  - Levi Coffin

#### Civil Rights History

- *Brown v. the Board of Education* (1954)
- Harry C. Smith – Journalist & Legislator who championed Civil Rights in Ohio
- Ohio Civil Rights Act of 1959
- Ohio Public Accommodations Law of 1884
- United Freedom Movement

#### Cultural History

- Alice Schille – American painter
- Annie Oakley – Entertainer
- Festival Latino
- Natalie Clifford Barney – American playwright, poet and novelist

#### Environmental History

- Completion of the Miami and Erie Canal (1845)
- Completion of the St. Lawrence Seaway
- Colo – First gorilla born in captivity

- Construction of Buckeye Lake, 1826
- Construction of the National Road in Ohio (1825-1838)
- Genevieve Estelle Jones – American amateur naturalist and artist, known as “the other Audubon”
- Ohio Conservancy Law

#### History of Science

- Ella P. Stewart – First African-American female pharmacist in the U.S.
- Paul Allman Siple – Created the first formula for measuring “wind chill” or wind temperature
- Paul Christian Lauterbur – Chemist whose research led to the creation of the MRI
- Thomas Alva Edison – Inventor of the phonograph, motion picture camera, and the first long-lasting light bulb

#### Labor History

- Baldemar Velasquez – American labor union activist and co-founder of Farm Labor Organizing Committee, AFL-CIO.
- Cleveland Strike at General Motors – Formation of the United Auto Workers
- Youngstown “Little Steel” Strike – Led to the formation of the United Steels Workers Union

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#### Constitutional and Legal History

- *Baker v. Carr* – “One man, one vote” doctrine
- *DeRolph v. State of Ohio*
- Florence Ellinwood Allen – First woman elected to the Ohio Supreme Court, and serve on the Supreme Court of any state
- *Hawke v. Smith* and Prohibition in Ohio
- Ohio Statehood (1803)
- Ohio Un-American Activities Committee

#### Military History

- Bouquet’s Expedition
- Colonel Charles Young – First African-American man to achieve the rank of colonel in the U.S. Army
- Lockbourne Army Air Force Base (Columbus) – Tuskegee Airmen
- Ohio Indian Wars/Removals
- Oliver Hazard Perry
- Toledo War

#### History of Space & Aviation

- Apollo 11
- First Ejection from an Airplane while in Flight
- John Glenn – First American to orbit the Earth
- Judith Arlene Resnik – Second American women in space and NASA astronaut
- Neil Armstrong – First person to walk on the Moon
- Jerri Mock – First woman the fly a plane around the globe alone
- Walter Richards Brookins – First man to fly at night in world history

#### Sports History

- Alta Weiss – One of a handful of women to play in men’s minor league baseball in early 1900s
- Branch Rickie – Executive of the Dodgers in 1940s
- Charles Sifford – Broke the PGA’s race barrier
- Frank Robinson – First African American Manager in Major League History
- Jesse Owens – 1936 Berlin Olympics

#### Women’s History

- Betsy Mix Cowles – Prominent educator, activist & suffragist
- Gloria Steinem – Famed women’s advocate
- Lucy Stone – Abolitionist & Suffragist
- Maude Collins – Ohio’s first female Sheriff
- Oberlin College: First college to admit women and one of the first to admit African Americans
- Ratification of the 15<sup>th</sup> Amendment in Ohio (1869)
- Sheppard-Towner Act in Ohio
- Victoria Woodhull – First woman to be nominated for president in 1872 and member of the suffrage movement
- Woman’s Suffrage Movement