

Lesson Plan:

## **Inspiring Black Women from New Brunswick!**

### **Materials**

- Framed Photographs of Women with the names and Birthdates. (For this lesson, I have chosen women from Saint John, because that's where I will be teaching, but the women can be changed to suit different regions.)
- One Page sheets with Biography told from their perspective

Social Studies 9, Canadian History 122.

### **Learning Objective:**

To introduce students to some of the incredible black women who are part of New Brunswick's History. To create a sense of connection with black women's lives by reading from their perspective. To build an understanding of how the lives of black women changed over time, and create personal connections with moments in the timeline to anchor comprehension.

### **Activity:**

Students are around tables with one photo per student, up to a maximum of 6.

Students will be asked to look at the photos of the women for a moment and see which ones interest them most. At this time the teacher can ask questions:

- Do you know who these women are?
- Have you seen their photos before?

Then they will each choose a woman who they will represent in by reading their story.

They will be asked to organize the women by their chronological birthdates and put the photos in a line, so they are all visible to the group.

Beginning from the earliest birthday in the line, students will read the biography of each woman. When they are reading their biography, the woman's photo will be moved closer to the students so they can look at her while listening to her story.

When all of the stories have been told, the teacher will lead guided discussion:

- Why do you think there is no photo for Nancy Morton?
- Who do you think impacted history the most?

### **Follow up activity:**

Students make a portrait in a media of their choice (collage, digital, etc.), from the women discussed, or another black woman from New Brunswick who they found most inspiring. They write a short biography of the woman and her accomplishments. (These can be displayed in the hallways of the school to celebrate New Brunswick's history.)