

EXPERT EXAM ANSWERS

1. Jeannette Rankin was the first woman elected to the United States Congress. She represented Montana in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1917 to 1919 and from 1941 to 1943. Born 1880, died 1973.
2. In 1848 New York passed the first comprehensive Married Women's Property Act.
3. Sybil Ludington made a not-so-famous midnight ride on horseback in 1777 to warn her fellow Americans that the British were coming. She was only 16 years old and rode 40 miles. Born 1761, died 1839.
4. In 1963 the federal Equal Pay Act was passed which prohibits sex-based wage discrimination.
5. Anne Bradstreet was the first woman published poet in the U.S. Her book was published in 1650. Born 1612, died 1672.
6. Deborah Sampson was *arguably* the first woman to fight in the U.S. army. In 1782 she joined the Continental Army disguised as a man, Robert Shurtliff, and fought in the Revolutionary War. Born 1760, died 1827.
7. In 1974 the federal Equal Credit Opportunity Act was passed, prohibiting discrimination in credit on the basis of sex or marital status.
8. Susan B. Anthony was arrested for voting in 1872, before women had the right to vote. She was found guilty and fined \$1.00, which she refused to pay.