FIRST LADIES WHO MADE HISTORY

Course category: (G) History

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Each of the First Ladies changed the expectations of what a First Lady could say, do, or stand for. They did so in very different ways. Each week we will look at a different First Lady and how she influenced the role of First Lady.

Abigail Adams - An advocate for women's rights she promoted women as political thinkers.

Edith Wilson - After her husband's stroke, she dealt with constitutional and ethical question, "Who holds the power when a president cannot?"

Eleanor Roosevelt - First Lady as a public advocate during the Great Depression and WWII.

Betty Ford - Her openness about breast cancer, addiction, and mental health had a lasting national impact.

Barbara Bush - Her emphasis on literacy and use of humor helped promote national unity.