

Additional Activities

Women in Education

Title of Activity	Life as a Woman Attending University
Type of Activity	Possibly multi-grade
Suggested Subjects / Courses	Social Sciences, History, English, Careers
Description of activity	<p>Students will have the opportunity to read information regarding the experiences of women at university for the last 100 years. Students will then interview a woman who attended university within the last 10-20 years. Students will then compare and contrast the experiences of women in a university setting.</p> <p>Instruct the students to read the following information regarding the experiences of women in the three different universities. Collaboratively develop a list of things to note eg. social acceptance, numbers of women, what departments etc...</p> <p>Women at Queen's, Admission of Queen's Encyclopedia</p> <p>Introduction · Changemakers: Women at the University of Toronto and the Struggle for Equity · Exhibits</p> <p>100 Years of Wise Women - UBC Centennial</p> <p>After the students have read, independently, have them work in small groups to discuss what they found interesting and complete a chart of information.</p> <p>Students are to interview a parent/ sister/ relative/aunt who identifies as a woman, who attended university within the last 10-20 years, to describe their experiences at University. Collaboratively, create a list of 5-10 questions they can ask (try to base it on the information that they found interesting in the first part of the activity). Students may choose to interview more than one person - perhaps women of different backgrounds.</p> <p>Have students create a Venn diagram to compare the experiences of women at university then and now.</p> <p><i>Students can sit down in a small group and share their venn diagram and discuss how things have changed over time?</i></p> <p>Exit Card: What do you think needs to change or improve for the experiences of women in postsecondary education in the future? (Trades, STEM, computer science, tech etc)</p>

Notes	<p>https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/women-and-education</p> <p>As an extension activity students could complete a personal statement for a university application using one of these starters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe an experience that influenced the person you are today. • Choose one extracurricular activity or one employment opportunity you have listed above. Describe the impact of this experience and the greatest learning outcome for you. <p>A modification could be to extend from university to all post-secondary education so that you include College and apprenticeship programs.</p>