

IX Girls with power

Work in groups.

- ❖ Are there more famous men or women today?
- ❖ In what areas are there more famous men than women?
- ❖ Can you mention any important women in the past? Try to gather your ideas and write them down on the grid.

FAMOUS WOMEN				
<i>Classical Period</i> 1-600	Dark Ages 600-1000	Middle Ages 1000-1450	Early modern period 1450-1789	Today 1789- 2008

- ❖ Can you give a reason why they became famous?

- ❖ What social class did they belong to? Use the grid.

Social class	Saints	Worker class	Peasants	Noble	Queens
Names					

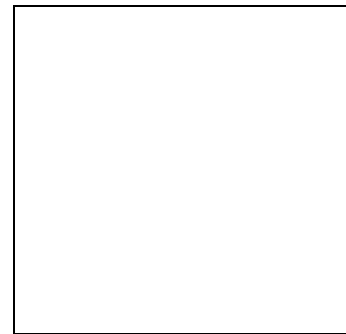
Girl power

Saint Joan of Arc lived in France around 1412 -1431. Although she was just a peasant girl, she dressed in armour and led the French armies against the English in **The Hundred Years War**. When The English laid **siege** to the city of Orleans, Joan of Arc relieved the citizens there. Captured by the Burgundians in 1430, she was handed over to the English and burnt at the **stake** in Rouen. She is a French National heroine!



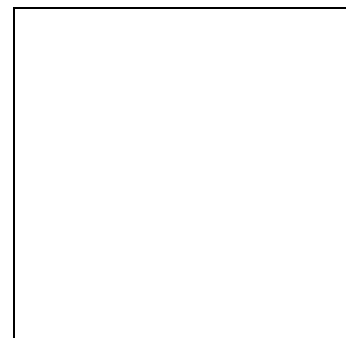
1. Joan of Arc

Eleanor d'Aquitaine (c. 1122-1204), was queen of France between 1137-1152 and of England 1154-89. She was Richard the Lion-heart's mother. She acted as a regent and she went on **Crusade** with a group of women. In the **papal** bull for the next Crusade, it forbade women to join the expedition.



2. Eleanor d'Aquitaine.

Isabella I, known as Isabella de Castile or Isabella the Catholic (1451-1504) was the queen of Castile 1474-1504 and of Aragon 1479-1504. Her marriage to Ferdinand of Aragon helped to join the kingdoms of Castile and Aragon, marking the beginning of the Spanish unification. Isabella and her husband established the Spanish Inquisition. They also supported Columbus expedition to America.



3. Isabella I of Castile

Peronella (1135-1174) was the queen of Aragon from 1137 until 1162. She was the daughter of Ramir II, called the Monk, and his wife, Agnes of Aquitaine. They had a daughter, Peronella. When she was only a year old she was betrothed to Ramon Berenguer IV, Count of Barcelona. Ramir II abdicated in favour of the count and returned to monastic life. Peronella married Berenguer IV in 1150. Their son, Alfons was the first ruler of both Aragon and Catalonia.



4. Peronella of Aragon.

❖ **Search a picture of every woman in the net and stick it on every cell.**

1. Who is who?

1. She was a French peasant and fought the English in the Hundred Year War. ____

2. He was a king that lived in the 15th century. _____

3. She lived in the 12th century and married a count. _____

4. They joined two kingdoms. _____

5. She was captured and burned by the English _____
6. She was a queen who lived in the 12th Century in France and England. _____

7. After having a daughter, he abdicated and returned to monastic life. _____

8. She was the mother of Richard the Lion-Heart. _____

9. He was the first ruler of Aragon and Catalonia. _____

10. She went on a Crusade and acted as a regent. _____

11. He went to a monastery. _____

12. She is known as “de Castile or the Catholic”. _____

2. Make a **timeline** with the timeline maker¹ with the dates of these European women. What timeline will you use?

3. Do some of your own research into **Elisenda of Moncada** and write it down

Research is one of the most important skills that you need in order to be an historian.

Look at the back of the dossier for some useful **tips**.

4. Read your writing to your classmate and share your opinions.

¹ You can visit this site: http://www.teach-nology.com/web_tools/materials/timelines/