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Women's History Month

Answer each question.

HONORING WOMEN IN HISTORY

March is Women's History Month in the United States. It is a time to celebrate the many important things women have done throughout history. Although it started as a small, one-week event in California, Women's History Month is now a full month in many countries around the world.

In 1978, a group in California created the first Women's History Week. The event spread and became much bigger. On Feb. 28, 1980, President Jimmy Carter declared March as National Women's History Week. In 1987, Congress established Women's History Month, which has since grown and become even more common in other parts of the world.

Each year during Women's History Month, people honor women who have done great things. Some women are remembered for working for equal rights. For example, Rosa Parks is known for refusing to leave her seat on a bus. She helped spark the civil rights movement. Eleanor Roosevelt is remembered for helping people with less money. Other women, like Sally Ride, have been honored for their leadership. Roosevelt was first lady during the Great Depression and World War II, and she worked to help people with few resources. Ride was the first American woman to go to space. These are just a few of the inspiring women remembered during this month.

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1. Why is Women's History Month important?
 2. What does the word established mean in this passage?
 3. Write the correct description for these women
Rosa Parks:
Eleanor Roosevelt:
Sally Ride: