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## Role models-to-go for Women's History Month at [readingandremembrance.ca](http://readingandremembrance.ca)

Pickering –Take a “Minute”, or a reading, to enrich an October lesson during Women's History Month. You'll be inspired by women such as aeronautical engineer Elsie McGill, opera singer Portia Black, and Mrs. Prideaux Selby and her daughter Elizabeth Selby Derenzy, who saved a large portion of Upper Canada's wealth when the Americans raided York—called Toronto in 1812.

All the women featured in the ten 2007 lessons for “Women and War” – from spies and code breakers to artists, pilots and munitions workers—and those in this year's “Women of Courage” bring to light the significant part played by women in the tapestry of history.

*Reading and Remembrance 1812-2012: History Matters*, features Métis Recruiter Elizabeth Mitchell, Lieutenant Georgina Fane Pope, Lieutenant Kay Christie and WREN Kay Madill in Minutes that touch the War of 1812, the Boer War, WWI and WWII.

The Reading and Remembrance website, initially prepared for Remembrance Day, has free downloadable lessons to enhance any curricula at any time. Start with Women's History Month in October and then proceed to Remembrance Week in November, Black History Month in February and Asian Heritage Month in May.

In 2012, there's cultural history in “Twin-a-Fort”, science in “War and Medicine”, and a whole new slate of heroes in the “First Nations” lesson. The tenacity of Georgina Pope, courage of Kay Christie, resourcefulness of Elizabeth Mitchell and the values generally demonstrated by the women of all ages show that there's Character Education in each lesson, including in the over 50 archived on the website.

Founding sponsor Ontario Power Generation and lead sponsor the Ontario Historical Society are proud that usually by the end of September over 30,000 students are registered. Don't delay. Pick a Role-Model and GO!

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Ontario Power Generation, the founding and supporting partner for this not-for-profit provincial project received the President's Award from the Ontario Historical Society in 2011. “We are pleased to contribute to enhanced educational opportunities for youth,” said Don Terry, Public Affairs Manager for Ontario Power Generation at Pickering Nuclear. “We proud that this program promotes literacy, diversity, and appreciation for Canadian veterans.

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