

# PEOPLE WHO PERSEVERED

This list includes only a small number of Canadians who have marked history with their relentless perseverance. For the upcoming project, you may select anyone from this list to research and reflect on the impact of their perseverance. Alternatively, you may choose to research a historical Canadian figure who is not on this list, or even a personal connection (ex. family member). If the person you choose is not on this list, be sure to get your teacher's approval before diving in!

## Black Rights

### Viola Desmond

A Black Canadian civil rights activist who started an uproar in the fight for equality.

### Albert Jackson

Escaped slavery in the United States and became the first Black letter carrier in Canada.

### Jean Augustine

One of the first Black Canadian women elected to the House of Commons and the founder of Canada's Black History Month.

## Indigenous Communities

### Shannen Koostachin

Advocated for better and safer education for Indigenous communities.

### Tom Longboat

One of the greatest marathon runners of all times.

### Louis Riel

Founder of Manitoba and Métis leader who fought to preserve the right and culture of the Métis people.

### Daphne Odjig

A famous artist and driving force behind the Indian Group of Seven.

### Jaime Black

Created the REDress Project to build awareness and spark conversation around missing and murdered Indigenous women.

## Women's Rights

### Nellie McClung

One of five women who convinced the courts to recognize women under the Canadian law in 1929 and who was instrumental in giving women the right to vote.

### Marina Nemat

An Iranian activist who was imprisoned and tortured for protesting against oppressive policies. In 1991 she emigrated to Canada, where she now speaks about her experiences and about the right to speak out against injustice.

### Huberte Gautreau

A Francophone Acadian nurse who travelled the world fighting for the health and human rights of women and communities.

