

Test: 2021 Women's History NCE (HS)

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What enslaved woman secured the freedom of her brothers and four children, making them the only slaves freed by Thomas Jefferson?

- A) Martha Randolph
- B) Sally Hemmings
- C) Edith Hern Fossett
- D) Minerva Granger

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Nominated by Barack Obama in 2009, what graduate of Princeton and Yale is the first Hispanic and Latina Supreme Court Justice?

- A) Elena Kagan
- B) Miriam Goldman Cedarbaum
- C) Sandra Day O'Connor
- D) Sonia Sotomayor

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Joan Tarika Lewis was the first female member of what California-based Black political organization, later joined by Angela Davis and Elaine Brown?

- A) Black Panther Party
- B) NAACP
- C) Black Lives Matter
- D) Nation of Islam

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“Ain’t I A Woman?” is the best-known speech by what abolitionist and womens’ rights activist, who was born into slavery in New York?

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- A) Phyllis Wheatley
 - B) Frances Dana Barker Gage
 - C) Harriet Tubman
 - D) Sojourner Truth

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Suffragist Alice Paul, abolitionist Lucretia Mott, and folk singer Joan Baez are all followers of what religious denomination, known for pacifism, whose members are called Friends?

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- A) Lutheran
 - B) Quaker
 - C) Islam
 - D) Methodist

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Social worker Jane Addams, labor leader Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, and lawyer Crystal Eastman were all on the founding committee of what American nonprofit that advocates for individual rights?

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- A) Anti-Defamation League (ADL)
 - B) Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC)
 - C) National Rifle Association (NRA)
 - D) American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

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Singer and entrepreneur Rihanna was born in what Caribbean country, where she was raised in its capital of Bridgetown?

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- A) Barbados
 - B) Dominican Republic
 - C) Cuba
 - D) St. Vincent and the Grenadines

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The Zhenotdel was the women's department of the Central Committee of what revolutionary political organization?

- A) New Jewel Movement
- B) Bolsheviks
- C) Lao People's Revolutionary Party
- D) League of Communists of Yugoslavia

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Over 280 religious dissenters were burned at the stake during the reign of which queen, who tried to revert England back to Catholicism and reverse her father's English Reformation?

- A) Matilda
- B) Mary I
- C) Elizabeth I
- D) Anne

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Catherine, the mother of French kings Francis II, Charles IX, and Henry III, was a member of what banking family that ruled Florence in the 15th century?

- A) Hapsburg
- B) Sforza
- C) Borgia
- D) Medici

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What Holy Roman Empress was the only woman to rule the Hapsburg Dominions, having power over much of Eastern Europe in the 18th century?

- A) Maria Theresa
- B) Elizabeth of Austria
- C) Adelaide of Italy
- D) Eleonore Magdalene

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What goddess of domesticity, family, hearth, home, and the state customarily received the first offering at sacrifices in Ancient Greece?

- A) Aphrodite
- B) Demeter
- C) Rhea
- D) Hestia

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Written by noblewoman Murasaki Shikibu, what 11th-century work about the son of a Japanese emperor and a concubine is considered to be the first modern novel?

- A) The Dancing Girl
- B) Urashima Taro
- C) I Am A Cat
- D) The Tale of Genji

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What Middle Eastern folk character, the daughter of a king's vizier, tells the king one story every night for one thousand nights, delaying her execution so long that he falls in love with her?

- A) Princess Paribanou
- B) Badroulbador
- C) Scheherazade
- D) Morgiana

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According to tradition, Leizu, a legendary Chinese empress, discovered what textile material, a protein filament fiber of which China is still the largest producer?

- A) Silk
- B) Wool
- C) Nylon
- D) Flax

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One part of the Eye of Ra, what Egyptian goddess represented music, love, and motherhood, and was often depicted as a cow or a woman with cow horns?

- A) Isis
- B) Hathor
- C) Bastet
- D) Ma'at

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The prophet Kimba Vita formed the Antonianism movement in what African kingdom, parts of which now form Angola and Gabon?

- A) Kongo
- B) Zulu
- C) Mali
- D) Ife

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The “Libertadora del Libertador”, Manuela Saenz, was born in what Spanish Empire viceroyalty, corresponding to modern day Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador, and Panama?

- A) Gran Colombia
- B) New Granada
- C) Nueva Cadíz
- D) Río de la Plata

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Chilean authors Isabel Allende and María Luisa Bombal both wrote largely in what genre, which combines fantasy concepts into real life?

- A) Historical fiction
- B) Magical realism
- C) Allegory
- D) Psychological thriller

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Kate Sheppard led the women's suffrage movement in which former British colony, which in 1893 became the first nation to give all women the right to vote in parliamentary elections?

- A) United States of America
- B) Canada
- C) Bermuda
- D) New Zealand

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In addition to discovering multiple elements, what two-time Nobel Prize Winner developed mobile X-ray units for use in World War I field hospitals?

- A) Irene Joliot
- B) Marie Curie
- C) Dorothy Hodgkin
- D) Agnes Faye Morgan

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Although she was never nominated for a Nobel Prize herself, what woman's work in x-ray crystallography led to Nobel-winning discoveries about the structures of DNA and viruses?

- A) Florence Bascom
- B) Rosalind Franklin
- C) Carrie Derick
- D) Ruth Ella Moore

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What Austrian-American actress worked during World War II to develop frequency-hopping radio guidance technology for Allied torpedoes, an invention which is still used in Bluetooth and WiFi systems?

- A) Hedy Lamarr
- B) Jean Harlow
- C) Marlene Dietrich
- D) Zsa Zsa Gabor

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Tapputi-Belatekallim, a Mesopotamian woman considered to be the world's first recorded chemist, distilled combinations of water, oil, myrrh, balsam, and other scented materials while making what product?

- A) Candles
- B) Makeup
- C) Perfume
- D) Wine

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What current Secretary of the Treasury previously served as Chair of the Federal Reserve, the first woman to hold either position?

- A) Gina Raimondo
- B) Penny Pritzker
- C) Janet Yelen
- D) Marcia Fudge

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What anthropologist, the author of *Coming of Age in Samoa* and *Sex and Temperament in Three Primitive Societies*, was included as a trading card in the *Supersisters* collection of 1979?

- A) Gloria Steinem
- B) Alice Dreger
- C) Elsie Clews Parsons
- D) Margaret Mead

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What singer and actress, the first woman to win the Grammy for Album of the Year, is best remembered as the star of *The Wizard of Oz*?

- A) Judy Garland
- B) Bette Davis
- C) Joan Crawford
- D) Shirely Temple

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Pop artist Celine Dion, country singer Shania Twain, and singer-songwriter Joni Mitchell are all musicians from what country?

- A) United Kingdom
- B) United States of America
- C) Australia
- D) Canada

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What Houston-born singer-songwriter was recognized as Billboard's Top Female Artist of the Decade for her success in the 2000s, including her solo debut album *Dangerously in Love* and *I Am... Sasha Fierce*?

- A) Rihanna
- B) Lady Gaga
- C) Britney Spears
- D) Beyoncé

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Best known for "Fast Car" and "Give Me One Reason", what four-time Grammy winner has performed in concerts commemorating the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Nelson Mandela's 70th birthday?

- A) Tracy Chapman
- B) Linda Tillery
- C) Dionne Warwick
- D) Miriam Makeba

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Like her younger brother Felix, what 19th century Romantic composer of the *Easter Sonata* and hundreds of other works was also a piano prodigy?

- A) Clara Schumann
- B) Fanny Mendelssohn
- C) Maria Anna Mozart
- D) Maria Magdalena van Beethoven

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The Barefoot, or Pies Descalzos, Foundation was started by what Colombian singer-songwriter, the best-selling female Latin artist of all time?

- A) Selena Quintanilla
- B) Shakira
- C) Natalia Lafourcade
- D) Rosalía

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In 2015, who made history as the first African-American woman to be promoted to principal dancer in the American Ballet Theatre?

- A) Misty Copeland
- B) Cynthia Bradley
- C) Janet Collins
- D) Debra Austin

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Rose Bertin, the first French haute couture fashion designer, created many dresses and hairstyles for what queen, including her mourning attire following the execution of her husband in 1793?

- A) Maria Theresa
- B) Maria Amalia
- C) Joséphine de Beauharnais
- D) Marie Antoinette

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The first woman to receive a US Patent was Mary Dixon Kies, who invented a technique for weaving straw and silk to make what kind of face-framing, wide-brimmed women's headwear, particularly popular between 1830 and 1860?

- A) Boater hat
- B) Bonnet
- C) Lappet cap
- D) Bergere hat

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Works like *The Pianist* and *The Model* by Russian avant-garde artist Lyubov Popova exemplify the combining of Futurism with what other movement, which originated in early-20th century France?

- A) Impressionism
- B) Realism
- C) Cubism
- D) Orphism

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Originally used in Ancient Egypt and Kush, what plant dye is commonly used as body art for brides in West and South Asia, including the practice of mehndi in India?

- A) Henna
- B) Cochineal
- C) Madder
- D) Alta

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What writer, illustrator, scientist, and conservationist is best remembered for her children's books featuring animals like *Squirrel Nutkin*, *Jemima Puddle-Duck*, and *Peter Rabbit*?

- A) Rachel Carson
- B) Susan Wittig Albert
- C) Beatrix Potter
- D) Helen Bannerman

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What creator of *Miss Marple* and *Hercule Poirot* is both the best-selling fiction writer of all time and author of the world's longest-running play, *The Mousetrap*?

- A) Rosalind Hicks
- B) Agatha Christie
- C) Penny Warner
- D) Gladys Mitchell

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Mildred Writ Benson was the first person to use what pen name, a pseudonym used by all authors of the Nancy Drew and Dana Girls mystery books?

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- A) Harriet Adams
 - B) Carolyn Keene
 - C) Rosie Dixon
 - D) C.L. Moore

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Their Eyes Were Watching God is the most popular novel by what African-American anthropologist and filmmaker?

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- A) Suzan-Lori Parks
 - B) Alice Walker
 - C) Audre Lorde
 - D) Zora Neale Hurston

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Although most of her works are lost because they were created on bamboo or paper, the Japanese poet Kaji is remembered as an expert of what art form that combines visual art and writing?

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- A) Logo
 - B) Calligraphy
 - C) Watercolor
 - D) Haiku

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In 2020, Vanderbilt student Sarah Fuller became the first woman to score in a Power Five football game. What position did she play?

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- A) Quarterback
 - B) Wide receiver
 - C) Kicker
 - D) Tight end

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The all-time winningest female golfer, Annika Sörenstam, is from the small town of Bro in what country?

- A) Finland
- B) Ireland
- C) Sweden
- D) Denmark

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What sprinter became an icon for Black and female athletes after winning three gold medals in sprinting events at the 1960 Rome Olympics?

- A) Wilma Rudolph
- B) Allyson Felix
- C) Iris Davis
- D) Florence Griffith Joyner

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In 1863, 16-year-old Norwegian Ingrid Olsdatter Vestby became the first woman to compete in what sport, which did not have an Olympic event for women until 2014?

- A) Luge
- B) Ski jump
- C) Boxing
- D) Archery

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At the 93rd Academy Awards, what Chinese filmmaker became only the second woman ever and first non-white woman to win the Oscar for Best Director?

- A) Youn Yuh-Jung
- B) Christina Oh
- C) Chloé Zhao
- D) Cathy Yan

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What star of Rear Window and To Catch a Thief became Princess of Monaco when she married Prince Rainier III in 1956?

- A) Grace Kelly
- B) Natalie Wood
- C) Wallis Simpson
- D) Ava Gardner

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After portraying Laura Petrie on The Dick Van Dyke Show, what actress and feminist activist went on to star in her own eponymous show about a woman news producer?

- A) Cloris Leachman
- B) Betty White
- C) Lucille Ball
- D) Mary Tyler Moore

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Comedians Jane Curtin, Gilda Radner, Julia Louis-Dreyfuss, and Joan Cusack have all been cast members of what long-running late-night variety show?

- A) Saturday Night Live
- B) Monty Python's Flying Circus
- C) The Muppet Show
- D) The Ed Sullivan Show

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Ida B. Wells and Mary White Ovington were founding members of what American civil rights organization?

- A) National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
- B) Black Lives Matter (BLM)
- C) Souther Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)
- D) Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC)

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Agent 355, believed by some to be Anna Strong, was the codename of the sole female member of what early American spy organization?

- A) Committee of Correspondence
- B) Culper Ring
- C) Pinkerton Agency
- D) Confederate Secret Service

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What American Communist activist, involved in the anti-war, feminist, and prison abolition movements, was arrested and held in jail for a year in 1970 when guns she owned were used in an armed courtroom takeover in Marin County, California?

- A) Angela Davis
- B) Gina Dent
- C) Julie Dash
- D) Simone de Beauvoir

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La Malinche was an enslaved Nahua woman who acted as an interpreter during the Spanish conquest of what empire?

- A) Maya
- B) Mexica
- C) Norte Chico
- D) Aztec

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Pachamama and Cavillace are two goddesses in what indigenous mythology system?

- A) Navajo
- B) Inca
- C) Hopi
- D) Maya

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What Swedish queen was an advocate for peace during the Thirty Years' War and is sometimes referred to as the "Minerva of the North" for her love of mathematics, art, and learning?

- A) Christina
- B) Maria Eleonora
- C) Margaret
- D) Ulrika Eleonora

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What granddaughter of Queen Victoria served as the last Empress of Russia and, along with her husband, four daughters, and one son, was canonized by the Russian Orthodox Church in 2000?

- A) Olga
- B) Tatiana
- C) Alexandra
- D) Anastasia

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Oghul Qaimish and Töregene both ruled as regent over what Eurasian empire?

- A) Mongol Empire
- B) Roman Empire
- C) Abbasid Caliphate
- D) Umayyad Caliphate

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The only queen regnant in Vietnamese history was one of what pair of sisters, who led a rebellion against the first Chinese domination of Vietnam?

- A) Thuc sisters
- B) Trung sisters
- C) Trieu sisters
- D) Bui sisters

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Queen Nzinga Mbande led the kingdoms of Ndongo and Matamba in what present-day country on the west coast of Southern Africa?

- A) Somalia
- B) Namibia
- C) Botswana
- D) Angola

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Nebet, mother-in-law of Pepi I, was the first woman in Ancient Egypt to hold what position, the highest-ranking official under the Pharaoh?

- A) Vizier
- B) Nomarch
- C) God's Wife of Amun
- D) Scribe

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The Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo is an Argentine human rights group founded to search for the desaparecidos during what period of US-backed state terrorism campaigns in South America?

- A) Operation Condor
- B) Safari Club
- C) Caravan of Death
- D) Contras

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New Zealand Minister of Foreign Affairs Nanaia Mahuta is the first Member of Parliament in New Zealand to have what traditional Maori body modification?

- A) Face tattoo
- B) Scarification
- C) Neck rings
- D) Hoop earrings

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Gladys Kathleen Parkin was one of the first women to hold a license for the operation of what kind of device, including a ¼-kilowatt spark-gap transmitter that she designed?

- A) Telephone
- B) Radio
- C) Automobile
- D) Airplane

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British-American astronomer Cecilia Payne-Gaposchkin discovered that what astronomical objects are composed mostly of hydrogen and helium?

- A) Gas planets
- B) comets
- C) stars
- D) black holes

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French politician and lawyer Christine Lagarde was the first woman elected to head what global financial institution, serving as its Chair and Managing Director from 2011 to 2019?

- A) International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- B) Goldman Sachs
- C) World Bank
- D) New Development Bank (NDB)

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Fiddle player Alison Krauss and banjoist Rhiannon Giddens are two women with great success in what traditional Appalachian music genre?

- A) Jazz
- B) Gospel
- C) Rockabilly
- D) Bluegrass

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What 12th-century German Benedictine abbess composed over 60 musical works, including the mortality play *Ordo Virtutum*, and is considered a patron saint of musicians?

- A) Hildegard of Bingen
- B) Angela of Foligno
- C) Jutta von Sponheim
- D) Mechthild of Magdeburg

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What French haute couture designer, especially popular during the 1930s, popularized simple designs utilizing the bias cut?

- A) Callot Soeurs
- B) Isadora Duncan
- C) Madeleine Vionnet
- D) Joan Crawford

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What British children's book author and illustrator of *Under the Window* and other works featuring drawings of young children in late-18th century clothing is the namesake of an annual award for excellent British children's book illustrators?

- A) Barbara Cooney
- B) Flora McDonnell
- C) Mem Fox
- D) Kate Greenaway

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What Laguna Pueblo author of *Ceremony* and *Storyteller* is considered one of the key figures of the Native American Renaissance?

- A) Leslie Marmon Silko
- B) Mourning Dove
- C) Louise Erdrich
- D) Joy Harjo

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Feminist romance novels like *The Country Girls* by Edna O'Brien, as well as Marie Stopes's sex education manual *Married Love*, were banned in the 20th century by the censorship board of what majority-Catholic country?

- A) Poland
- B) Ireland
- C) Croatia
- D) Sweden

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What American university is home to the all-time winningest women's college basketball team, with a record 11 NCAA Championship titles, with famous alumni including Rebecca Lobo, Sue Bird, and Diana Taurasi?

- A) Stanford University
- B) University of Tennessee
- C) Baylor University
- D) University of Connecticut

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In 2021, it was announced that Lucy St. Louis would be the first Black actress to play what musical character, a beautiful soprano who goes from a chorus girl to prima donna in the longest-running show in Broadway history?

- A) Fantine
- B) Christine Daae
- C) Grizabella
- D) Roxy Hart

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Nancy Cartwright, Tara Strong, and Lani Minella are three women famous in what specialized dramatic profession, largely used in animation and radio works?

- A) Voice-over acting
- B) Opera
- C) Yodeling
- D) Sound design