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JaJuan Finch

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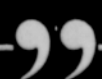


"As part of a cultural "Rites of Passage" program, seniors in The Les Femmes Debutante and Cavalier program are expected to identify heroes and recognize their contributions to society.

JaJuan chose to write about Rebecca Lee.



Rebecca Lee was born free, in Richmond Virginia in 1833. She was raised by her aunt who served as a lay doctor. This inspired Lee to become a nurse. In 1859, she enrolled in the New England Female Medical College where she earned her doctorate of medicine. This made Lee the first of only 65 African American female physicians. Lee's most notable contribution to the medical field was her book, published in 1883 entitled, A Book of Medical Disclosures, which drew on her vast experience to counsel women on self care as well as the care of their children."



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Febuary 1995 is an opportunity to recognize and reflect on the accomplishments of African Americans. Because of this The Oregonian in Education has developed and produced *And Still I Rise*, a 16-page newspaper in education curriculum supplement. *And Still I Rise* profiles African Americans who have overcome obstacles to achieve new roles for themselves and others. These people may not be the best known in their field, yet they contributed in a unique or special way. Each set of profiles is accompanied by newspaper in education activities utilizing the Oregonian. Due to a generous grant from Portland General Electric, more than 15,000 students have received *And Still I Rise*. This curriculum supplement will provide educators and students with a springboard for classroom discussion, interaction, research and an opportunity to develop awareness, understanding and an appreciation of African Americans.

If your school is not participating in And Still I Rise, here is an activity you can complete at home to observe Black History Month:

During the remainder of the month, collect and display news clips about African American leaders.

Recognize a "hero." Choose someone you know or have met before and write a feature story about the person. Make sure it is someone you can interview and is a role model.



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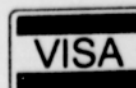
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