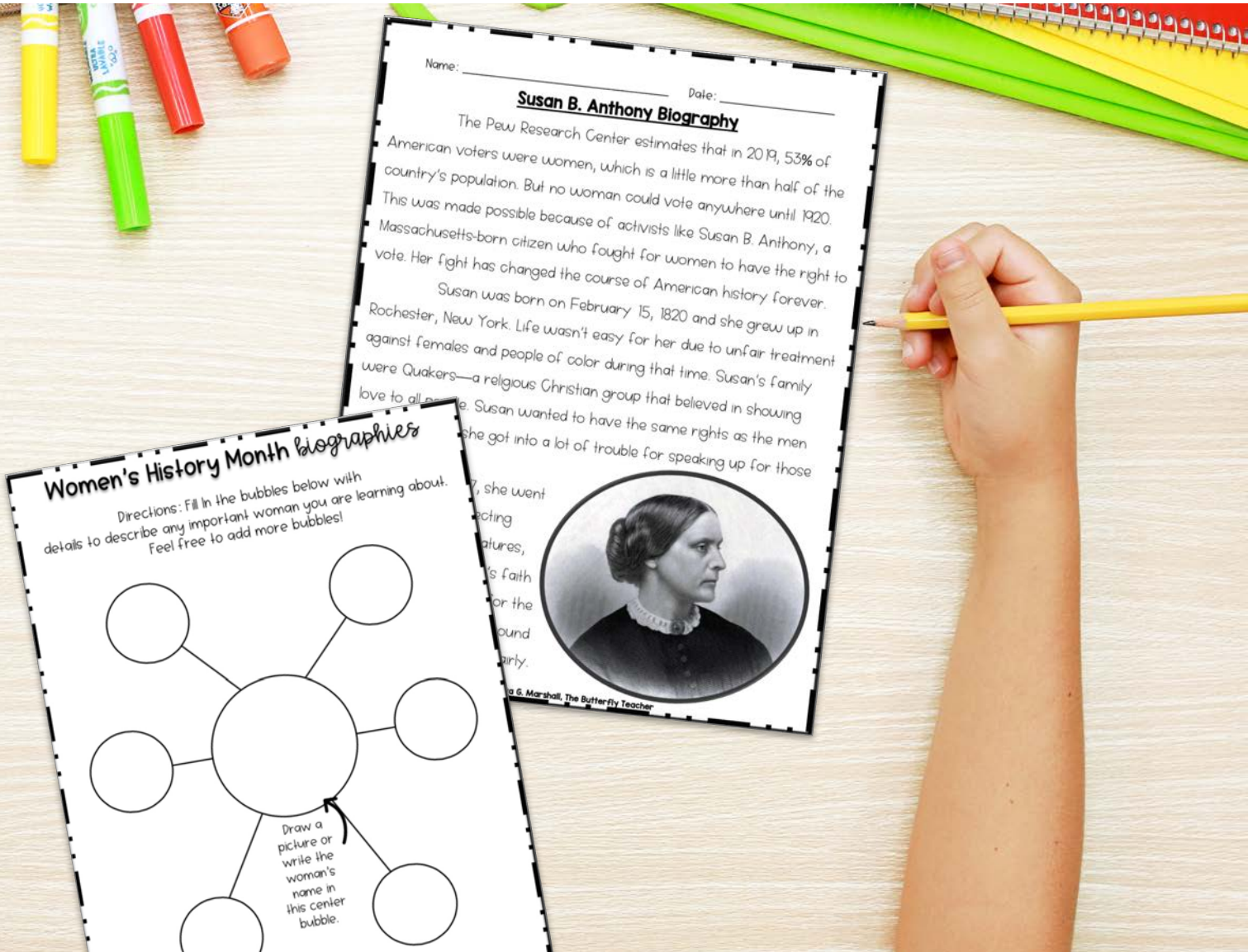


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Women's History Month Biographies



Engaging Reading
Passages

No-Prep
Worksheets

Extended
Activities

Diverse
Representation

Biographies Included:

- Oprah Winfrey
- Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
- Greta Thunberg
- Malala Yousafzai
- Susan B. Anthony
- Marie Curie
- Frida Kahlo

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Oprah Winfrey's Biography Continued

Oprah's father believed in her and provided a supportive home environment for her. She began to excel in school and earned a full scholarship to Tennessee State University in 1971. Two years later, in 1973, Oprah became the first African-American TV co-anchor in Nashville. Things really began to escalate and increase rapidly for Oprah in 1984 when she moved to Chicago to host a morning talk show called "A.M. Chicago." Because of Oprah, it became the number one talk show in Chicago and one mother later, the name was changed to the Oprah Winfrey Show.

Not only was Oprah a talk-show favorite, but she became an actress in 1985, starring in her first movie, *The Color Purple*. The movie was based off the famous book by author Alice Walker.

Since rising to fame, Oprah has started her own cable network—OWN, publishes a monthly magazine that inspires all women to make a difference in the lives of others, and started an academy for girls in South Africa. No wonder she is widely celebrated by men and women everywhere!



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Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's Biography Continued

Chimamanda not only stands up for Africans being represented accurately, but she also fights for the rights of women all over the world. She encourages men and women to redefine what it means to be a feminist. Her definition states that a feminist is "...a person who believes in the social, economic, and political equality of both genders."

Her TED Talks on this subject have been viewed more than 7 million times! Even the pop singer Beyoncé has used some of Chimamanda's words in her song titled *Flawless*, back in 2014.

This Nigerian author and teacher continues to stand up for the equality of all people around the world.



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Marie Curie's Biography Continued

In 1891, Maria decided to change her first name to Marie, which is the French version of Maria. Then she met a famous scientist named Pierre Curie, whom she later married on July 26, 1895. The two scientists worked together for hours and hours in different science labs at Pierre's job.

During this time in history, women almost never worked outside the home. But even after Marie had her first daughter Irene on September 12, 1897, she made sacrifices to return to work and earn her Ph.D. in science. She made history by becoming the first female college professor in Paris at The Sorbonne. Yet, her truly famous discovery happened by accident while she was studying different elements in her lab. One of the elements, pure ch... from the Earth, started to glow as off energy. Marie named it "Polonium" after her home country Poland.

Then in 1898, she discovered another element that she named Radium. Her discovery changed the way science forever because these gave off radiation. Even beyond on July 4, 1934, her accomplishments helped open many doors for fields of mathematics and science.



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Susan B. Anthony Biography

The Pew Research Center estimates that in 2019, 53% of American voters were women, which is a little more than half of all the people who voted. But no woman could vote anywhere until 1920. This was made possible because of activists like Susan B. Anthony, a Massachusetts-born citizen who fought for women to have the right to vote. Her fight has changed the course of American history forever.

Susan was born on February 15, 1820 and she grew up in Rochester, New York. Life wasn't easy for her due to unfair treatment against groups of people like females and people of color. Susan's family were called Quakers—a religious Christian group that believed in showing love to all people. Susan wanted to have the same rights as the men around her and she got into a lot of trouble for speaking up for those rights.

At age 17, she went around her city collecting petitions, formal signatures, against slavery. Susan's faith motivated her to fight for the freedom of everyone around her who was treated unfairly.



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Frida Kahlo's Biography Continued

Once Frida's body completely healed and she began going out with friends and family, another life-changing event happened for her. In 1929, she married Diego Rivera, who was also a painter.

Diego was already very well-known for his mural paintings on buildings in Mexico. Once he and Frida were married, they moved to the United States on November 30, 1930 so that he could paint more murals. But Frida hated being away from her Mexican home, which she called La Casa Azul—The Blue House. She and her husband argued a lot! So, Frida continued to paint herself showing all her emotions and her art also included pride in her Mexican heritage.

Many of her paintings were considered strange and weird, but she didn't change her style. She felt it was important to express her Mexican culture and her emotions in her art. Her willingness to embrace her identity and real-life situations is what led Frida's art to become world famous!

Even though she passed away on July 15, 1954, her life and art are studied and remembered all over the world today. She is the first Hispanic woman to have her art displayed in the famous Louvre Museum in Paris. Her determination to succeed is one of the reasons why she is celebrated during Women's History Month and beyond!



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Malala Yousafzai Biography

Can you imagine being shot in the head just for giving your opinion about something? As drastic and harsh as this may seem, it's exactly what happened to 15-year-old Malala (Muh-Laa-LUH) Yousafzai (You-Sef-Zee). She not only survived the terrible attack on her life, but she has grown to become one of the most recognized education activists in the world.

On July 12, 1997, Pakistani father Ziauddin and mother Toor Pekai gave birth to their first daughter Malala. Ziauddin worked as a teacher who taught his family the importance of a good education. When Malala was 11 years old, the Taliban—a terrorist group in Pakistan—threatened and attacked places that educated girls. The terrorist mob believes that girls and women should only stay home and do household responsibilities so that boys can go to school and men can be successful at work.

Since Malala loves school so much, she decided to stand up for her rights to get an education. So, she began blogging about her experiences in 2009. This made the Taliban very angry, and they plotted to kill her for telling others what she was going through.



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Greta Thunberg Biography

Many children think that in order to do something great, you must be a grown-up. Environmental Activist like Greta Thunberg prove this theory wrong! This young Swedish girl began protesting about climate change at the age of 15 and she continues to inspire people of all ages to take better care of planet Earth.

Greta Tintin Eleonora Thunberg was born on January 3, 2003. Although she has lived a happy childhood, her parents noticed a major change in her behavior when she turned 11 years old. Greta completely stopped talking and showed signs of depression. Not only that, but Greta stopped eating and lost a lot of weight. As the family sought help for Greta, she finally confessed that she had learned about climate change and was deeply hurt that no one seemed to be doing anything to solve the problem.

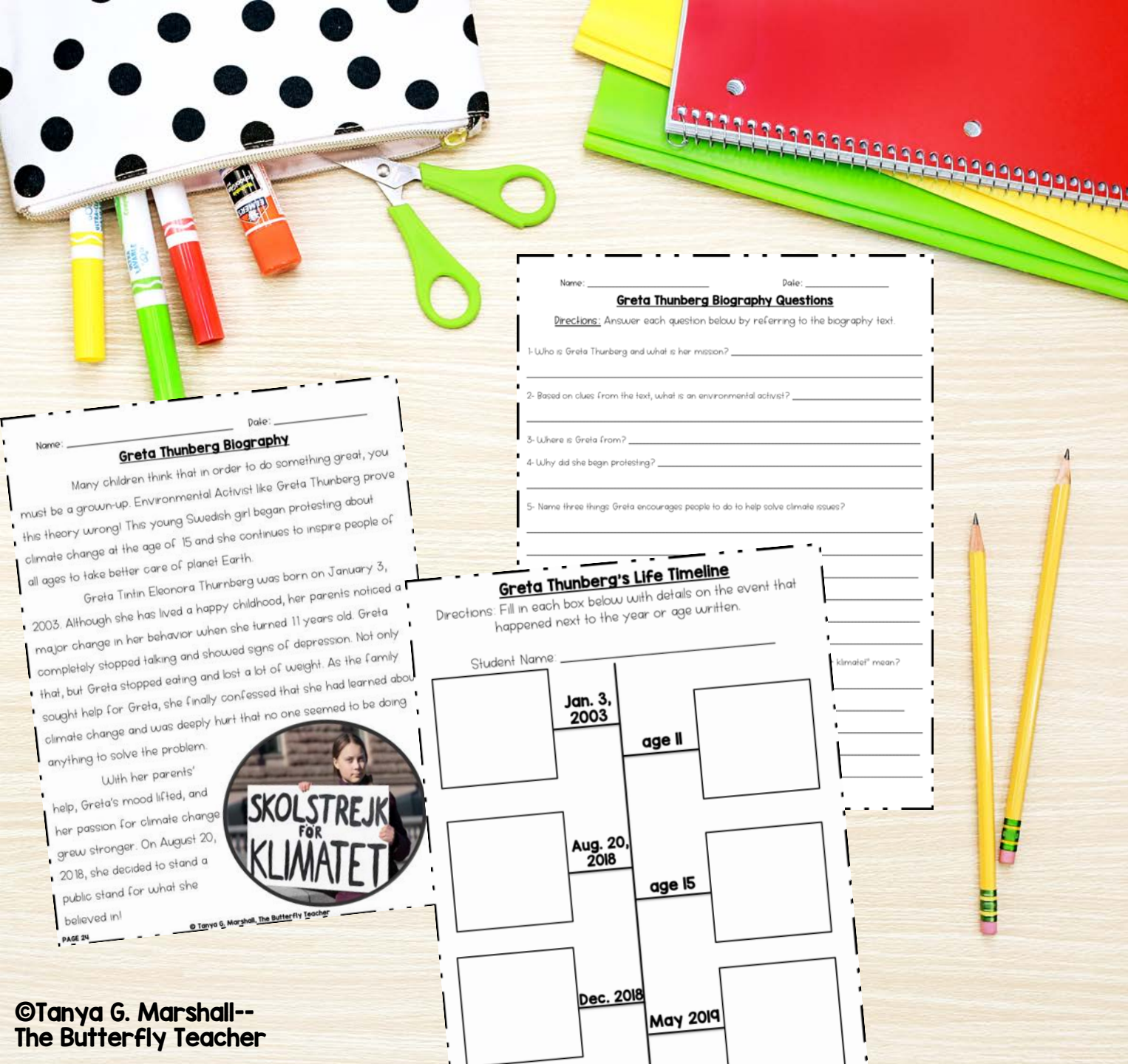
With her parents' help, Greta's mood lifted, and her passion for climate change grew stronger. On August 20, 2018, she decided to stand a public stand for what she believed in!



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What is included?

- ✓ 7 Reading Comprehension Worksheets
- ✓ 7 Text-Aligned Question Worksheets
- ✓ 7 Life Timelines of each biography
- ✓ 2 Reflection Worksheets
- ✓ 4 Graphic Organizers



What digital version do I get?

Frida Kahlo's Life Timeline

Directions: Type details in each box about the events that happened for that year or age in Frida's life. Refer to the text for evidence.



Type Here	Type Here	Type Here
July 6, 1907	age 6	18 years old
1929	Nov. 30, 1930	July 13, 1954
Type Here	Type Here	Type Here

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What Other Teachers Are Saying:

Marie Curie Biography

Poland-born Maria Sklodowska, better known as Marie Curie, would grow up to become one of the most successful female scientists in history.



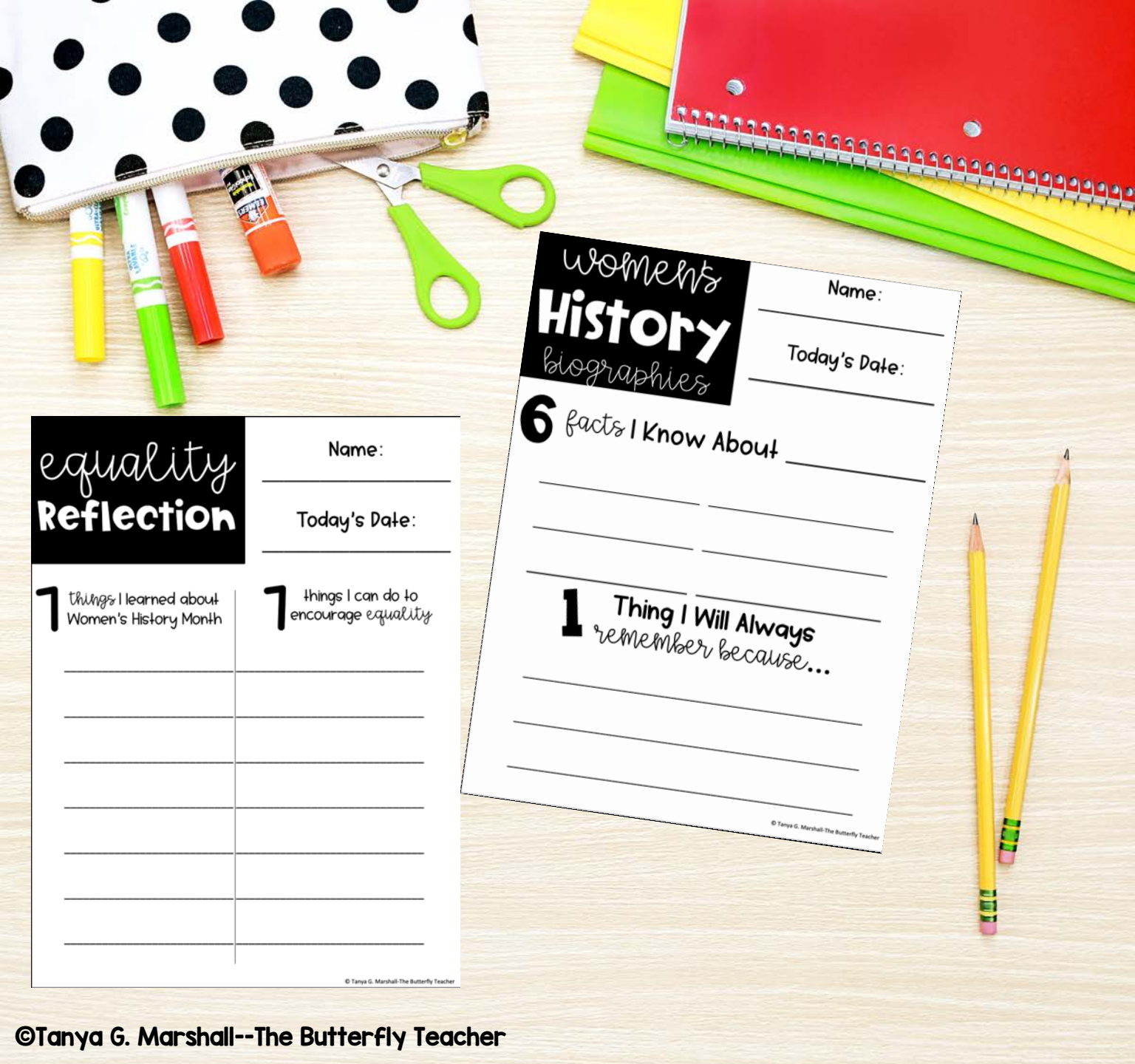
Her brilliant discovery of radioactivity allowed her to win two Nobel Prizes—one of the most famous and important awards given for different categories around the world. Maria's humble beginnings had a great impact on her future success.

She was born on November 7, 1867 while her country was under the government rule of Russians. Very strict laws made life hard for Polish families like Maria's. She was not allowed to go to school because she was a girl. When girls were old enough to go to school, they had to study subjects related to cooking and cleaning in the home. Her people were also not allowed to speak their native language or celebrate their culture.

Maria's father—a teacher and scientist—did not obey many of these rules! He taught Maria all the subjects at home and allowed her to practice science in secret. Maria especially loved math and science. When she finally went to school, she soared as a student. In 1883, she graduated first in her class at the age of 15.

When Maria was 18, she met a clever woman named Jadwiga Dawidowa, who started a secret university for Polish girls who wanted to study math and science. Joining the school meant that Maria had to move away from her family, but she was so excited about the chance to go to college so that she could become a scientist. Leaving home also allowed Maria to experience new and different things that would help change her life forever.

- ***This was a perfect resource to help my students continue learning about Women's History Month. I used the entire resource to help make it a complete unit. LOVE, LOVE, LOVE!***
- ***I am introducing biographies every week. These were engaging.***



equality Reflection

Name: _____

Today's Date: _____

7 things I learned about Women's History Month	7 things I can do to encourage equality
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women's History biographies

Name: _____

Today's Date: _____

6 facts I know about _____

1 Thing I Will Always remember because...

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The graphic organizers can be used with ANY Women's History Month lesson or activity!