

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

WHAT ABOUT HER STORY?

Wordsearch - Significant British Women – Actors

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MARGARET HUGHES
SARAH SIDDONS
BETTY BALFOUR
MAGGIE SMITH
ARCHIE PANJABI
JULIE ANDREWS
JUDI DENCH
KATE WINSLET

ELIZABETH BARRY
ELLEN TERRY
ALMA TAYLOR
VIVIEN LEIGH
THANDIE NEWTON
HELEN MIRREN
SOPHIE OKENEDO

Possible Follow Up Activities:

- 1) Can you match up the names of these women with their achievements?
 - a) One of the most popular actors in Britain in the 1920s. Her talent was most evident in the *Squibs* comedy series.
 - b) The first female M in the James Bond films.
 - c) Born in 1847, the English stage actress became the leading Shakespearean actress in Britain.
 - d) Starred in the musical films, 'Mary Poppins' and 'Sound of Music'.
 - e) Received the Bafta award for Best Supporting Actress in the film 'Crash'.
 - f) Her statue can be found in Westminster Abbey.
 - g) One of her most high-profile roles was in the 2002 comedy release Bend It Like Beckham.
 - h) Received the Academy Award for her performances in 'Gone with the Wind' and 'A Street Car Named Desire'.
 - i) With her Best Actress nomination for 'The Reader', this actor became the youngest actor to receive six Oscar nominations.
 - j) The first professional actress on the English stage.
 - k) In 1915 she was voted the most popular British performer by readers of Pictures and the Picturegoers, beating Charlie Chaplin.
 - l) Gained critical acclaim for her role as Tatiana Rusesabagina in Hotel Rwanda.
 - m) Born in 1658, she was an English actor of the Restoration period.
 - n) Famous for her role in the Prime Suspect TV series.
 - o) Plays the popular Professor Minerva McGonagall in the Harry Potter series.
- 2) Pick one woman and research her in more detail.
- 3) Research a famous female actor not featured in this word search.
- 4) Discuss with your class the woman who has made the biggest impact on British drama. Do you agree or disagree? Why?
- 5) Do you think Tilda Swinton or Margaret Rutherford should be in the word search, instead of someone else?
- 6) Choose a dramatic art (film, theatre, TV etc.) you are interested in. Find out what you would need to do to become a professional actor.
- 7) Can you put these women into different groups? Why can you group some women with others?
- 8) Can you place these women on a time line?