Women in Local History: The Story of Jessie Sundstrom

Teaching Tip

History Blog

During this activity your students will review many blogs entries. Then your students will write a historical blog about an event that took place in your community. Your students will also learn about the career of Jessie Yuill Sundstrom, whose papers, photographs and manuscript collection detail an incredible lifelong commitment to Black Hills history.

Documentation of Black Hills history was greatly advanced thanks to the life and career of Jessie Yuill Sundstrom. Born in Rapid City and raised in Deadwood, Jessie dedicated her life to local history and service, contributing to multiple organizations over her lifetime. She spent several decades operating the Custer County Chronicle with her husband, Carl, and continued as owner and publisher after his death. With a passion for history and writing, Jessie was an influential member of a variety of civic organizations, including the Black Hills Girl Scouts, the Crazy Horse Memorial and the 1881 Courthouse Museum in Custer. Her papers, photographs and manuscript collection detail an incredible lifelong commitment to Black Hills history. (Learn more about Jessie Sundstrom)

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- Example blogs from SDPB
  - Arts and Culture
  - Children and Education
  - News and Information
  - Sports
- Select a historical event
- Gather information about the event
  - Photos
  - Text
  - Video
  - Interview
- Write a blog entry

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