

The Wright Sisters and Other Important Figures From Herstory

A skit by Dwayne Yancey

Selected from his collection, "Skits 24/7"

Cast: 1 male, 3 females

Length: 2 pages of dialogue (311 words)

Performance time: About 2 minutes

The Story

Christina Columbus, Ora and Wilma Wright, Alberta Einstein? You bet, when it's Women's History Month. A teacher wants her female students to have positive role models, so all the girls are presenting reports on famous women in history. Like all boys, Jeremy, the lone male student in class, isn't any good in math or science, so his talk will be on Michelle Angelo.

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*(A student, MIRIAM, is finishing her presentation to the class.
The TEACHER watches proudly.)*

MIRIAM: And after that, Christina Columbus made three more voyages. She never reached China, but her discovery of the New World opened the way for other explorers, such as Amy Vespucci, Hermione Cortez and Freda Magellan.

TEACHER: Thank you, Miriam, that was quite lovely.
Tammy, would you like to go next?

*(MIRIAM sits, TAMMY goes to the front of the class. The
PRINCIPAL knocks on the door and enters.)*

PRINCIPAL: Sorry I'm late. My meeting ran over.

TEACHER: That's all right, Mr. Woodson. You only missed a couple. Class, I invited Mr. Woodson to hear your reports today. I thought he'd like to share in our celebration of the great scientists, inventors and explorers. *(PRINCIPAL acknowledges the attention.)* Tammy?

TAMMY: My report is on the Wright Sisters. Ora and Wilma Wright were two sisters from Ohio, where they ran a bicycle shop —

PRINCIPAL: Uh, excuse me. Sorry to interrupt, but don't you mean the Wright Brothers?

TAMMY: No. The Wright Sisters. The ones who invented the airplane.

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