

## WRITERS



Illustration from a French translation of *De Claris Mulieribus*, c. 1440

- OUT OF THE BLUE** 60  
Researchers recently discovered lapis lazuli, a stone used to make paint for manuscripts, in the teeth of a woman who lived between 1000-1200 CE.
- PUT IT IN A LETTER** 50  
There are surviving copies of letters that nuns wrote to each other in which they write about things like pilgrimages and every day life as a woman.
- MEDIEVAL FEMINISM** 120  
In 1405, a woman named Christine de Pizan wrote a book called "The Book of the City of Ladies," an early feminist book.

## BUILDERS



Illustration from *The Book of the City of Ladies* by Christine de Pizan, c. 1405

- STRENGTH IN NUMBERS** 100  
Nearly half the workers building Périgord college in Toulouse, France from 1365-1371 were women.
- UNEQUAL PAY** -40  
Female workers were routinely paid less than male workers, often at a ratio of 3:5.
- UNIONIZE** 50  
Between 1452 and 1453 in Strasbourg, France, two women joined the stonemason's guild.
- WOMEN SUPPORTING WOMEN** 90  
Women who had the ability to hire employees tended to hire women and support the work of other women.

## WARRIORS



Illustration from *L'Epistre Othéa* by Christine de Pizan, c. 1399

- PETRONELLA OF LEICESTER** 70  
Countess Petronella of England fought in the Revolt of 1173-74, gave military advice, and wore armor.
- ISABEL OF CONCHES** 70  
French noblewoman Isabel wore armor, defended her city, and was respected as a knight.
- MATILDA OF BOULOGNE** 70  
English queen Matilda was a military commander who steered her troops to victory.

## LEADERS



Illustration of the Queen of Sheba from a medieval manuscript, c. 1402-1405

- EMPRESS MATILDA** 100  
Empress Matilda ruled England in the 12th century CE, led a civil war when her cousin stole the throne, and wrote charters.
- QUEEN AETHELFLAED** 100  
Queen Aethelflaed ruled part of what would become England in the 10th century CE. She valued education and fearlessly defended her kingdom.
- BRUNHILD AND FREDEGUND** 200  
Brunhild and Fredegund were queens, sisters-in-law, and bitter rivals who ruled neighboring kingdoms.



## NUNS



Illustration from The Burnet Psalter, c. 1400-1450

### **HILD OF WHITBY** 80

Hild of Whitby founded a monastery for monks and nuns, raised a princess, and encouraged the poet Caedmon to write.

### **HILDEGARD DE BINGEN** 80

Hildegard de Bingen wrote books, musicals, and scientific works, as well as exchanged letters with kings and popes.

### **BRIDGET OF SWEDEN** 80

Bridget of Sweden's religious beliefs were so influential that she founded her own religious order and travelled widely.



