



# Women History Month

## JULIA BOWMAN ROBINSON

### Reading Comprehension

#### COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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#### COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

DIRECTIONS: CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

1. Where was Julia Bowman Robinson born?  
a) Berkeley, California  
b) St. Louis, Missouri  
c) New York City, New York  
d) Chicago, Illinois

2. In which year did Julia Bowman Robinson graduate from the University of California, Berkeley?  
a) 1910  
b) 1918  
c) 1925  
d) 1932

3. Julia Bowman Robinson is known for her work in which field?  
a) Fermat's Last Theorem  
b) Hilbert's Tenth Problem  
c) The Riemann Hypothesis  
d) The Goldbach Conjecture

4. What was the topic of Julia Bowman Robinson's doctoral thesis?  
a) Algebraic Geometry  
b) Decision problems in mathematics  
c) Number theory  
d) Calculus of Variations

5. Who were Julia Bowman Robinson's influences?  
a) Euclid and Ptolemy  
b) Martin Davis and Hilary Putnam  
c) David Hilbert and Kurt Gödel  
d) Isaac Newton and Albert Einstein

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Robinson's early passion for mathematics led her to pursue a Ph.D. at the University of California, Berkeley, where she became the first woman to receive a doctorate in mathematics in 1948. Her doctoral thesis, which tackled questions related to decision problems and mathematical logic, laid the foundation for her later groundbreaking contributions.

One of Robinson's most significant achievements came in the field of number theory. In collaboration with mathematicians Martin Davis and Hilary Putnam, she solved a major mathematical problem known as Hilbert's Tenth Problem. This problem, posed by David Hilbert in 1900, had stumped mathematicians for decades. Robinson's work established connections between mathematical logic and number theory, advancing our understanding of both fields.

Throughout her career, Robinson broke barriers as a female mathematician in a male-dominated field. She held academic positions at esteemed institutions, including the University of California, Berkeley, and Rutgers University. Her dedication to mathematical research, coupled with her advocacy for gender equality in academia, generated a lasting impact on the field of mathematics.

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# READING PASSAGES WITH TEXT DEPENDENT QUESTIONS

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Learning about Julia Bowman Robinson introduces them to the world of advanced mathematics and the importance of perseverance in pursuing one's passion.

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## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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- Astrophysics
  - Chemistry
  - Mathematical Logic
  - Biology

7. Julia Bowman Robinson's groundbreaking achievements were in collaboration with mathematicians from which institutions?

## ANSWER QUESTIONS

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

### THE CORRECT ANSWER

Julia Bowman Robinson born?

St. Louis, Missouri

Julia Bowman Robinson receive her Ph.D. in mathematics?

Robinson's groundbreaking research in number theory contributed to mathematical problem?

4. What was the topic of Julia Bowman Robinson's doctoral thesis?

- Algebraic Geometry
- Decision problems and mathematical logic
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5. Who were Julia Bowman Robinson's collaborators in solving Hilbert's Tenth Problem?

- Euclid and Ptolemy
- Martin Davis and Hilary Putnam
- David Hilbert and Henri Poincaré
- Isaac Newton and Gottfried Leibniz

## READING COMPREHENSION

## ANSWERS

1. (A) St. Louis, Missouri
2. (A) 1918
3. (A) Hilbert's Tenth Problem
4. (A) Decision problems and mathematical logic
5. (A) Martin Davis and Hilary Putnam
6. (A) Mathematical Logic
7. (A) University of California, Berkeley, and Rutgers University
8. (A) 1948
9. (A) Gender equality in academia
10. (A) She inspired future generations of women

# CLOSE READING GRAPHIC ORGNIZERS INCLUDED

**GROUP ACTIVITY**

TITLE OF TEXT \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT I THINK \_\_\_\_\_

**ANNOTATING MARKS**

- ✓ Circle powerful words or phrases.
- ✓ Underline words or phrases you do not understand.
- ✓ Place a question mark next to words or phrases you do not understand.
- ✓ Write an explanation of words or phrases you do not understand.

**SUMMARIZE**

Write a summary of the passage. The main idea should be stated in your first sentence. Then use the four details to write four supporting sentences. Close your summary by restating the main idea.

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**MAIN IDEA**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE OF TEXT \_\_\_\_\_

MAIN IDEA \_\_\_\_\_

SUPPORTING DETAILS #1 \_\_\_\_\_

SUPPORTING DETAILS #2 \_\_\_\_\_

SUPPORTING DETAILS #3 \_\_\_\_\_

**VOCABULARY GRAPHIC ORGNIZER**

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