



# LESSON PLAN HELPER

LUCINDA ELIZABETH STEWART BOYCE "LUCI B"

## WHO WAS LUCINDA ELIZABETH STEWART BOYCE?

Lucinda Elizabeth Stewart Boyce (1835-1916) served as a community leader on San Juan Island and as a role model for hundreds of women who braved the strenuous conditions of the island's early settlement years. She arrived on San Juan Island in 1860 and served as a compassionate nurse and midwife, delivering more than 500 babies and venturing out in any weather (and to outer islands!) to care for the sick and injured. Endurance, ingenuity, and a rugged physical and mental disposition were necessary for settler women to survive in the early days—but Lucinda didn't just endure, she thrived. She stepped up and took on the roles of doctor, nurse, and midwife. Lucinda administered care to all who needed it, responding to medical calls any time of the night or day—regardless of the distance or weather. She would ride horseback or drive a buggy over harsh terrain, paddle a canoe or take a rowboat to Orcas, Shaw, Stuart, or Waldron. Lucinda was known for her kindness and compassion to all.

### POSSIBLE OBJECTIVES

- Students will be able to define "legacy."
- Students will be able to explain who Lucinda Boyce was and her role in San Juan County history.
- Students will be able to explain how Lucinda Boyce made her legacy of care.
- Students will be able to identify public health or community needs in their own communities (homes, neighborhoods, classes, islands, country, etc.).
- Students will be able to evaluate their own ability to overcome challenges.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What is a legacy?
- How did Lucinda care for her community?
- How do you care for your community?
- How does your community care for you?
- What are ways we can leave a legacy in San Juan County?
- Lucinda saw a need in her community and responded. What needs do you see in your community that could use help?
- Lucinda overcame many challenges to serve her community. In what ways do you overcome challenges to succeed?

### RESOURCES AVAILABLE

- SJC resource, <https://www.sanjuanco.com/1917/Luci-B-Community-Wellness-Van>
- Article, <https://www.historylink.org/File/10676>
- Interview with descendent, <https://www.washingtonruralheritage.org/digital/collection/sanjuan/id/1145/>

### WANT LUCI B TO VISIT YOUR CLASS?

Luci B, the new Community Wellness Van for San Juan County Health and Community Services, is available for public health events, like a public health education class visit! Reach out to our team at [LuciBWellnessVan@sanjuanco.com](mailto:LuciBWellnessVan@sanjuanco.com).