

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

LEADERSHIP & LEGACY

MUSLIM WOMEN REMEMBERED

Nana Asma'u

1793 – 1864

Scholar

Activist

Poet

Nana Asma'u was a leading scholar and educational activist of the nineteenth century in Africa. She was a prolific writer and creative thinker, building an educational system of enormous import and impact. Her father was the Caliph (leader) of the Sokoto Caliphate and both supported and promoted his daughter in her work. Nana Asma'u cared deeply for the future of the people of Africa and worked hard during her life to ensure that women were educated so that the next generations would be educated as well.

