



## **JIM C'S QUIZ OF THE WEEK MONDAY – 3/5/2007**

**Gerda Lerner, *Women and History* (1986; 1993):**

**“When I started working on women's history about thirty years ago, people didn't think that women had a history worth knowing.”**

### **HOW DID “WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH” ORIGINATE?**

**4000 - 3500 B.C.: Sumerian goddess Tiamet created the universe**

**1360 B.C.: Queen Nefertiti rules in Egypt**

**1138 A.D.: Byzantine princess Anna Comnena, early woman historian, writes the *Alexiad*, a 15-volume historical work**

**1718: Mary Montagu introduced smallpox vaccine to England**

**1874: Women's Christian Temperance Union founded in the U. S.**

**1903: Marie Curie awarded Nobel Prize for Physics – radioactivity**

**1909: The first International Women's Day was held in New York**

**1920: U.S. women get the right to vote (19th Amendment)**

**1960s: Women question their invisibility in American history texts**

**1978: "Women's History Week" held in Sonoma County, California**

**1981: National Women's History Week by Congressional resolution**

**1987: Congress declared March as Women's History Month**

**Conventional Wisdom: Women's History Month = Overdue recognition**

**M of Z: God created man, but then she corrected her mistake**