

Women in Irish History

Read the passage below. Fill in the missing words from the word bank.

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Leading Her Way into Irish History

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Fighting Her Way into Irish History

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Word Bank

history	president	rights
humanitarian	Proclamation	Rising
important	record	success
leaders	resigned	

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