Female Scholars: A Tradition Of Learned Women Before 1800

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Black women in particular have a long oral history that involves the act of storytelling and creating narratives that inspire change and resistance. Before there were classrooms and school houses, Black women broadened understanding of where and how students learn. Before they had textbooks, desks, pencils, and space, Black women used their homes, kitchen tables, and they own resources to teach. During the 1800s, Black women were “teaching to transgress,” moving beyond boundaries, and imagining the possibilities of freedom before they were granted their own freedoms and rights. (hooks