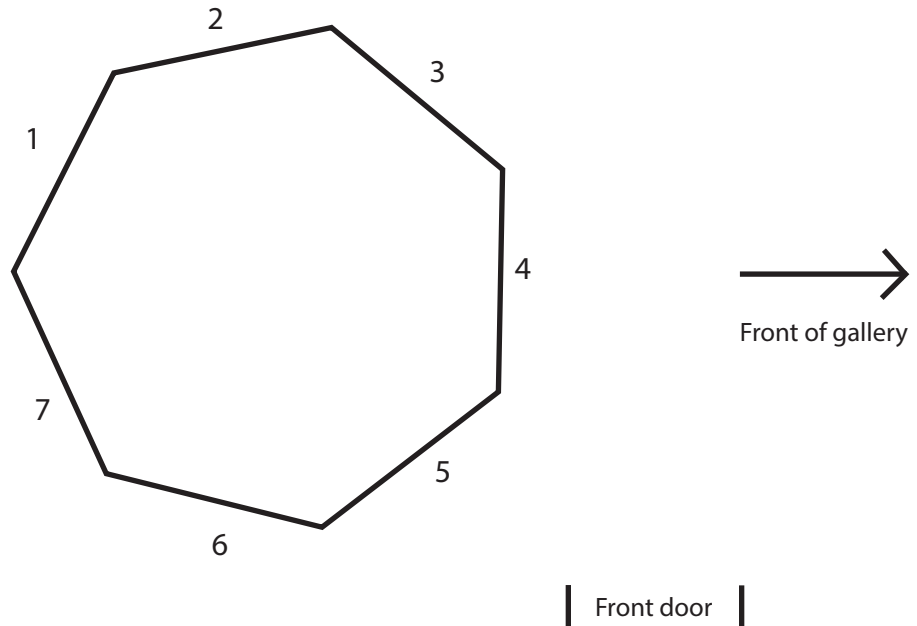


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## Warrior Women of the African Diaspora

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1 *Yaa Asantwaa (Ghana), 2009\**

This war shirt honors Queen Yaa Asantewaa, who carried a rifle, and declared that the Asante women were prepared to go into battle against the British to protect the Golden Stool and secure the return of the captured King Prempeh I. The Yaa Asantewaa war began in 1900.

2 *Nzinga (Angola), 2010\**

This war shirt honors Queen Nzinga of Ndongo, who in the early 1600s fought to protect her people the Mbundu against the slave trade and European rule. A story about Nzinga and a Portuguese governor is reflected in this shirt.

3 *Queen Mary (Former Danish Virgin Islands), 2009\**

This war shirt honors Queen Mary Thomas, who with a torch and cane bill, led a fire burn rebellion on the island of St. Croix in 1878 to protest the working conditions of former enslaved Africans in the then Danish Virgin Islands.

4 *Nanny of the Maroons (Jamaica), 2010\**

This war shirt honors Queen Nanny of the Maroons. She was an enslaved African who upon arrival in Jamaica escaped into the mountains and fought off the British from approximately 1725 until 1740. The transparency of this shirt reinforces her status as an Obeah or magic woman.

5 *Zeferina (Brazil), 2010\**

This war shirt honors the Brazilian warrior woman Zeferina who fought with bows and arrows for Afro-Brazilian freedom from enslavement in 1826.

6 *Carlota (Cuba), 2010\**

This war shirt honors the Afro-Cuban warrior woman Carlota. In 1843, with a machete in hand, she led an uprising of enslaved Africans at a sugar mill in the province of Matanzas.

7 *Harriet Tubman (USA), 2009\**

This war shirt honors Harriet Tubman, an African American warrior woman who, with her revolver at her side, led 300 enslaved Africans to freedom along the Underground Railroad earning her the name "Moses". She also earned the title "General" for her service to the Union Army in the campaign on the Combahee River in South Carolina in 1863.

