

# *Maria Sibylla Merian*

## Stages in her Life



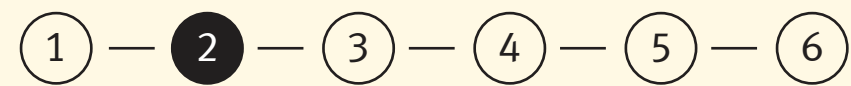
- 1647:** Birth in Frankfurt am Main as the daughter of Matthäus Merian (1593-1650), famous copperplate etcher and head of a large publishing house; childhood and youth in Frankfurt in the household of her foster father Jacob Marrell (1614-1681).
- 1665:** Marriage to the Nuremberg artist Johann Andreas Graff, painter of cityscapes, copperplate etcher and publisher (1636-1701)
- 1668:** Birth of the first daughter Johanna Helena and relocation to Nuremberg
- 1678:** Birth of the second daughter Dorothea Maria
- 1682:** Move from Nuremberg to Frankfurt
- 1686:** Move to Friesland to join a religious community
- 1691:** Relocation to Amsterdam
- 1699 to 1701:** Expedition to Surinam in South America
- 1705:** Publication of her masterpiece about the tropics in Surinam with many exotic plants and animals
- 1717:** Death in Amsterdam



Portrait of Merian at the age of 32, oil painting probably painted by her foster father Jacob Marrell during his visit to Nuremberg in 1678/9, Kunstmuseum Basel, No. 436



### Merian Riverside Walk



Please follow the butterflies in the pavement as guides to your route.

