



# Women Who Dared to Dream Cards

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Print on cardstock for more durable cards.

**Directions:** Cut out the cards to review facts about these women who pioneered their way to the history books.



## Maya Angelou

1928–2014

- First African American woman to have a nonfiction bestseller
- First African American woman to have her screenplay produced, for the 1972 film “Georgia, Georgia”
- Awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2010



**“If you’re always trying to be normal you will never know how amazing you can be.”**

## Chien-Shiung Wu

1912–1997

- Helped develop the fuel for the atomic bomb
- Won the 1975 National Medal of Science
- First woman elected a fellow to the American Physical Society



**“The main stumbling block in the way of any progress is and always has been unimpeachable tradition.”**

## Marie Curie

1867–1934

- Discovered two new elements, polonium and radium
- Pioneered research on radioactivity
- First woman to win two Nobel prizes, one in chemistry and the other in physics



**“I was taught that the way of progress was neither swift nor easy.”**

## Gertrude Ederle

1905–2003

- Competed in the 1924 Olympics and won three medals
- First woman to swim across the English Channel in 1926
- The Gertrude Ederle Recreation Center is located close to where she grew up in New York City



**“I just knew if it could be done, it had to be done, and I did it.”**

## Eleanor Roosevelt

1884–1962

- First U.S. delegate to the United Nations 1945
- Helped pass the U.N.’s Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948
- Humanitarian U.S. first lady who changed the way people viewed presidential spouses

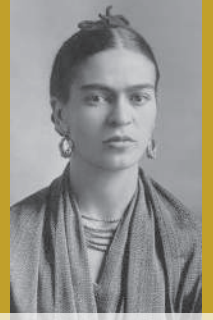


**“You must do the things you think you cannot do.”**

## Frida Kahlo

1907–1954

- Triumphed through illnesses and accidents to become a world-famous Mexican painter
- Inspired the Frida Kahlo Museum in Mexico in 1958
- The Mexican government declared her paintings national treasures



**“I never painted dreams. I paint my reality.”**

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## Hillary Clinton

1947

- First presidential spouse to win a public office seat
- U.S. Secretary of State
- First woman to become the presidential nominee of a major political party in 2016



***“My feeling is if you’re going to be a leader, you have to carefully assess where people are and where people want to go.”***

## Grace Hopper

1906–1992

- Early computer programming pioneer whose work led to COBOL, a computer language still used today
- Retired as a U.S. Navy rear admiral
- Received a posthumous Presidential Medal of Freedom



***“People are allergic to change. You have to get out and sell the idea.”***

## Indira Gandhi

1917–1984

- First female prime minister of independent India starting in 1966
- Supported Bangladesh as it became a sovereign nation
- A controversial leader who was assassinated



***“You cannot shake hands with a clenched fist.”***

## Mae Jemison

1956

- First African American woman to travel into space in 1992
- Leader of the 100 Year Starship Project to try to get to a new star or solar system
- Founded the BioSentient Corp



***“Never be limited by other people’s limited imaginations.”***

## Katherine Johnson

1918–2020

- Calculated the path for the first manned mission to the moon
- Helped write the first textbook on space travel
- Won the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2015



***“I asked questions; I wanted to know why. They got used to me asking questions and being the only woman there.”***

## Ida B. Wells

1862–1931

- Co-founded the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
- Co-owned and wrote for the *Memphis Free Speech and Headlight* newspaper
- Created the first African American kindergarten in her community



***“The way to right wrongs is to turn the light of truth upon them.”***

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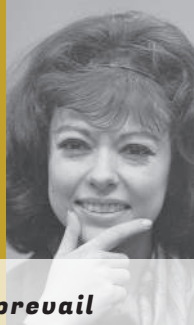
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## Rita Moreno

1931

- First Latina to win an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress
- Won all five major annual American entertainment awards: an Oscar, an Emmy, a Grammy, a Tony, and a Peabody award



***“It is through art that we will prevail and we will endure. It lives on after us and defines us as people.”***

## Nancy Pelosi

1940

- First female House minority leader of the U.S. House of Representatives
- First female Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives



***“We have so much room for improvement. Every aspect of our lives must be subjected to an inventory of how we are taking responsibility.”***

## Rosa Parks

1913–2005

- Inspired the Montgomery Bus Boycott, which helped to begin the civil rights movement in the United States
- Co-founded the Rosa and Raymond Institute for Self Development
- Awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom



***“Each person must live their life as a model for others.”***

## Patsy Mink

1927–2002

- First Asian American woman to be elected into the U.S. Congress in 1967, and to seek the Democratic presidential nomination
- Championed Title IX



***“It is often more important to be ahead of the majority and this means being willing to cut the first furrow in the ground and stand alone for a while if necessary.”***

## Temple Grandin

1947

- Animal science professor
- Advocate for people on the autism spectrum
- Invented the “Hug Box” device to calm those on the autism spectrum
- Author of books about her own experience with autism



***“I get satisfaction out of seeing real stuff that makes real change in the real world.”***

## Condoleezza Rice

1954

- First female African American U.S. Secretary of State
- First female U.S. National Security Advisor
- Plays the piano



***“Differences can be a strength rather than a handicap.”***

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## Sonia Sotomayor

1954

- First Latina to become a U.S. Supreme Court Justice
- Writes about overcoming struggles and working hard toward her goals in her autobiography *My Beloved World*



***“The proper measure of success is not how much you have closed the distance to some far-off goal, but the quality of what you have done today.”***

## Malala Yousafzai

1997

- Wrote a blog for BBC in the UK about her experiences as a schoolgirl under the Taliban
- The youngest recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, which she was awarded in 2014
- Survived an assassination attempt in 2012 that attempted to silence her



***“When someone takes away your pens you realize quite how important education is.”***

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## Wangari Maathai

1940–2011

- Created the Green Belt Movement to give women work where they planted trees to combat deforestation and rural hunger, among other reasons
- Awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for her work to help the environment



***“When we plant trees, we plant the seeds of peace and seeds of hope.”***

## Ellen Ochoa

1958

- The first Hispanic woman to travel into space in 1993
- Traveled to space four times and worked the robotic arm
- Director of the Johnson Space Center



***“What everyone in the astronaut corps shares in common is ... motivation, perseverance, and ... the desire to participate in a voyage of discovery.”***

## Oprah Winfrey

1954

- Best known for being the host of her long-running television program, *The Oprah Winfrey Show*
- First recipient of the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences' Bob Hope Humanitarian Award



***“What other people label or might try to call failure, I have learned is just God's way of pointing you in a new direction.”***

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## Clara Barton

1821–1912

- Worked as a nurse during the Civil War
- Founded the American Red Cross and was its first president
- Inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame in 1973



***“I may be compelled to face danger, but never fear it, and while our soldiers can stand and fight, I can stand and feed and nurse them.”***

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**Your turn!** Create your own cards about women who inspire you.