

LEADERSHIP EXPLORATION: ENCYCLOPEDIA WOMANNICA

Ages:

12-14, 15-18

Description:

Girls are introduced – or re-introduced – to powerful women leaders often left out of history books with the podcast [Encyclopedia Womannica](#). Produced by Wonder Media Network, *Encyclopedia Womannica* shares stories of groundbreaking women through themes like Pioneers, Dreamers, STEMinists, and more. Join them in five-minute adventures to learn more about the women who build our world.

This activity is inspired by the Girls Inc. [Young Women in Leadership](#) program, a year-long program designed to enhance the leadership skills, college preparedness, and career development of young women in Indianapolis. Application for YWIL is now open.

Parent/Guardians: The *Encyclopedia Womannica* episodes recommended in this activity were specially selected by the Girls Inc. team. We welcome families to listen to episodes with your girl so you can discover new ideas together. While girls are encouraged to explore additional episodes, you may prefer to check out the topics before they listen.

Time:

10-20 minutes daily

Materials Needed:

- Internet access on a phone, tablet, or computer
- A friend to listen with (optional)
- Paper (optional)
- Pencil, Markers (optional)



Instructions

There are so many incredible women leaders in our world. Some we know, many we have yet to discover. Over the next week, we'll explore stories of inspirational women and learn from the leadership they display.

You can listen every day or pick the topics that interest you. Try listening at the same time every day to start a routine. Maybe before bed or when you're eating breakfast?

Let's get started!

Ready to start exploring? Follow the links below on a phone, tablet, or computer to listen to the episode of the day. Episode descriptions are from the *Encyclopedia Womannica* website.

If you're up for a challenge:

- As you're listening, write down the ideas you find interesting.
- Discuss the questions in the Activity Recap with a friend or family member to think more deeply about what you learned.

Day	Episode
Day 1	Shirley Chisholm This bold leader had a passionate career as a civil servant and was the first African American U.S. Congresswoman.
Day 2	Mae Carol Jemison Mae Carol Jemison (1956-present) is an engineer, physician and astronaut who became the first Black woman in space.
Day 3	Rachel Carson We're talking about the marine biologist, conservationist, and author, who catalyzed the global environmental movement.
Day 4	Glory of the Morning Glory of the Morning (c. 1709-c. 1832), or Ho-poe-kaw, was a Native American leader and the first woman to appear in Wisconsin's written records.
Day 5	Huda Sha'arawi Huda Sha'arawi (1879-1947) was a pioneering leader who organized one of the great feminist revolutions in Egypt.
Day 6	Audre Lorde Audre Lorde (1934-1992) was a poet, author, Black feminist, womanist, civil rights activist, queer rights activist, librarian, professor, and publisher who fought for intersectional awareness and progress.
Day 7	Seondeok Seondeok (c. 595-c. 647) was the first queen on the Korean Peninsula and second recorded female ruler in East Asian history.

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ACTIVITY RECAP

Discovery Questions:

After you listen to each episode, talk to a friend or family member about all the new knowledge and questions you have. Think about the prompts below to get your conversation started.

- What acts of leadership do each of these women portray?
- What is one thing you learned about that you want to continue to explore? How did this idea make you feel when you heard it? Intrigued, excited, happy, angry, frustrated, sad, motivated?
- Why do you think each of these women are important to remember? How do the things they accomplished relate to your day-to-day life?
- Keep the conversation going! What else did you find interesting? There are so many episodes of *Encyclopedia Womannica*! What episode do you want to listen to next?
- With a parent/guardian's permission, share an idea you learned from your favorite episode on with Girls Inc. on our [Instagram](#) page with the tag @girlsincindy.

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