



# Oprah Winfrey

American Talk Show Host,  
Television Producer, Actress,  
Author, and Philanthropist

## BIG DREAMS FROM DIFFICULT BEGINNINGS

Born into a modest farming community, raised by her grandmother, her early years were very troubled and abusive. She faced extreme poverty, racial prejudice and sexual discrimination. Thanks to her excellent results in school, she became an honours student and secured a full scholarship to Tennessee State University. She graduated with a degree in communications. Winfrey started working in the media and her big break came in 1983 when she moved to Chicago to host a morning talk show, which became the highest-rated talk show. This success led to the creation of The Oprah Winfrey Show.



## RISING ABOVE HER CIRCUMSTANCES

Oprah triumphed over everything that is enough to keep a person down, poverty, violence, assault, and other difficult moments. A true example of inspiration, she is one of the pioneers of the women empowerment movement. Her actions and words never fail to impress and inspire people in the way she intends to. She did not allow the racial discrimination, trauma, or any other trouble she had in her life to demotivate her. She just kept going!



## A SELF-MADE FEMALE BUSINESS LEADER

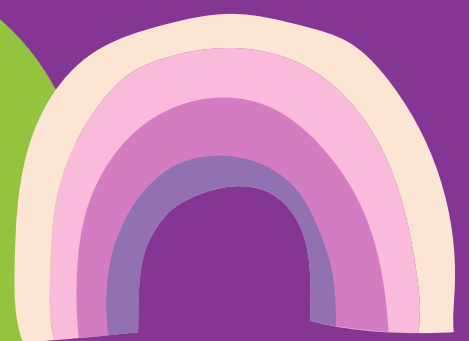
"When deconstructed, Oprah's success is built on a platform of many factors that came together to form the person she is. Her basic philosophy extends to three branches of leadership: Her team, vision and values. Over thirty years she rose from nothing to a media tycoon." (Srinii Pillay)

By aligning her dreams with her values, she managed to realise her potential to the fullest. She inspires so many people around her that feel heard when talking to her. She believes in others in a way that nobody believed in her when she was younger.

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"My hope for this foundation is to turn into a community where all of us can come together to help our fellow brothers and sisters overcome overwhelming odds so that one day they can do the same for others. My dream is to build a movement of empathy, empowerment and excellence."  
(Oprah Winfrey)

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