



🧑‍🎓 Women Who Changed the World

Grade 5

Name: _____

Read the biography passage carefully. Then answer each question below in complete sentences.

Look for key facts about the person's early life, achievements, and impact. Use details from the passage to support your answers.

Indira Gandhi: India's Iron Lady

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Imagine leading one of the world's largest democracies. That's exactly what Indira Gandhi did, becoming India's first and only female Prime Minister.

Born in 1917 in Allahabad, India, Indira Priyadarshini Nehru grew up surrounded by politics. Her father, Jawaharlal Nehru, and her grandfather, Motilal Nehru, were both key figures in India's independence movement. This early exposure to leadership and public service deeply shaped her future.

Indira Gandhi made history when she was elected Prime Minister in 1966. She served for four terms, guiding India through a period of significant change and development. Her government implemented important economic reforms, advanced agricultural growth, and led the nation to victory in the 1971 war, strengthening India's position on the global stage.

Throughout her time in office, Gandhi faced immense political opposition and difficult decisions. She was known for her strong will and unwavering determination, often referred to as the "Iron Lady" of India. Despite the challenges, she remained committed to her vision for a stronger, more independent India.

Today, Indira Gandhi is remembered as a powerful and transformative leader. Her legacy includes modernizing India and inspiring countless women worldwide to pursue leadership roles, proving that gender is no barrier to holding the highest office.



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

(1) Where was Indira Gandhi born?

- (A) Allahabad, India (B) Delhi, India (C) Mumbai, India (D) Kolkata, India

(2) Indira Gandhi became India's first female _____ in 1966.

— continue writing on the lines below

(3) What does the word "implemented" mean as it is used in the passage?

- (A) carried out or put into effect (B) stopped or prevented
(C) imagined or dreamed of (D) discussed or debated

(4) Why was Indira Gandhi's family background significant to her future role as Prime Minister? Use details from the passage.

(5) How did Indira Gandhi's leadership impact India and women around the world? What can we learn from her determination?



