



# SHE PERSISTED

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For most of the history of the world, women have not been treated as equals to men. Read these stories of amazing women who pushed through and followed their hearts when others told them to stop. You can do it too! Never let anyone tell you to give up on your dreams.

"At some point, someone may tell you your dreams are impossible. Don't listen to them."

### Questions:

1. Have you ever heard of Harriet Tubman before? Why should we keep fighting for what's right with all our strength? Just for ourselves?
2. Would it be easy to be blind AND deaf? How would you interact with the world? Why didn't Hellen Keller just give up, if things were that hard?
3. Clara Hemlich said "I am one of those who suffers." Was she only fighting for herself or was she fighting for everyone in her situation? How is that showing empathy?
4. Why didn't Nellie Bly just give up when men told her to? Will you give up?
5. Maria Tallchief was teased not because she was female, but because she was Native American. Should what someone look like or where they come from stop them from being able to do anything they want?
6. Was it easy for Claudette Colvin to stand up for what was right by staying seated? Then why did she do it?
7. Ruby Bridges was very young when she stood up for her right to a good education! How do you think she felt when the protesters around her yelled? Why do you think she kept her head high and walked right by?
8. READ THE MARGARET CHASE SMITH QUOTE. What does that mean? Is it more important to be popular and take the easy way, or to do the right thing?
9. Still today, a lot of women have a hard time with careers in math and science. Is that fair? What can we do to make sure girls do well with math and science?
10. READ THE FLORENCE GRIFFITH JOYNER QUOTE. Is it easy to not listen to people saying we can't? Is that something you can do?
11. Sometimes even the people we love tell us what we can't achieve. Should we listen to them or listen to our hearts? Can we persist?

