



# Women History Month

## LEYMAH GBOWEE

### Reading Comprehension



#### COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

6. When was Leymah Gbowee awarded the Nobel Peace Prize?  
a) 2005

#### COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

DIRECTIONS CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

1. Where was Leymah Gbowee born?  
a) Eastern Liberia  
b) Northern Liberia  
c) Central Liberia  
d) Western Liberia

2. What movement did she lead?  
a) Men For Peace Coalition  
b) Youth For Social Justice  
c) Women of Liberia Mass Action for Peace  
d) Soldiers For Peace

3. In which year did the Nobel Peace Prize award her?  
a) 1985-1981  
b) 1990-1991  
c) 1999-2003  
d) 2005-2009

4. What was the outcome of the 2003?  
a) Escalation of conflict  
b) President Charles Taylor  
c) Resignation of President Taylor  
d) Implementation of a ceasefire

5. Why did Leymah Gbowee lead the Women of Liberia Mass Action for Peace?  
a) To gain political power  
b) To exclude women from politics  
c) To bring stability and peace to Liberia  
d) To support President Taylor

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Leymah Gbowee's impact became globally recognized during the Liberian civil war (1989-2003), a period characterized by violence and political instability. Gbowee, along with other women, organized and mobilized across religious and ethnic lines to form the Women of Liberia Mass Action for Peace movement. They engaged in nonviolent protests, demanding an end to the conflict and the inclusion of women in the peace process.

One of the defining moments came in 2003 when Gbowee and the Women of Liberia Mass Action for Peace played a crucial role in the peace talks that led to the resignation of the then-President Charles Taylor. Their efforts were instrumental in bringing about a ceasefire and creating conditions for stability in Liberia.

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As we celebrate Women's History Month, let us draw inspiration from Leymah Gbowee's courage and leadership. Her story is a powerful reminder of the impact that women can have on the world. Let us strive to be like her, inspiring and catalyzing positive change even in the face of adversity.

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# READING PASSAGES WITH TEXT DEPENDENT QUESTIONS

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For her remarkable contributions, Leymah Gbowee, along with fellow activists, was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2011. Gbowee's story highlights the transformative power of grassroots movements and the pivotal role women can play in conflict resolution and peacebuilding.

Learning about Leymah Gbowee offers insights into the importance of activism, cooperation, and the impact individuals can have on shaping a peaceful future.

As we celebrate Women's History Month, Leymah Gbowee's legacy serves as an inspiration, illustrating that ordinary individuals, particularly women, can be catalysts for positive change even in the face of adversity.

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

6. When was Leymah Gbowee awarded the Nobel Peace Prize?

- a) 2005
- b) 2008
- c) 2011
- d) 2019

7. What did Leymah Gbowee's movement advocate for during the peace talks?

- a) Exclusion of women
- b) Resumption of conflict

## EXTENSION QUESTIONS

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Write the correct answer.

When was Leymah Gbowee born?

2. How did Leymah Gbowee help organize during the Liberian civil war?

3. What was the Women of Liberia Mass Action for Peace's main goal during the ceasefire initiative?

4. How did the Women of Liberia civil war talks take place?

5. What was the outcome of the Women of Liberia Mass Action for Peace's efforts in 2003?

- a) Escalation of conflict
- b) President Charles Taylor's re-election
- c) Resignation of President Charles Taylor
- d) Implementation of martial law

6. Why did Leymah Gbowee and her movement demand an end to the conflict?

- a) To gain political power
- b) To exclude women from the peace process
- c) To bring stability and peace
- d) To support President Charles Taylor

# READING COMPREHENSION

## ANSWERS

- 1. c) Central Liberia
- 2. c) Women of Liberia Mass Action for Peace
- 3. c) 1999-2003
- 4. a) Resignation of President Charles Taylor
- 5. a) To bring stability and peace
- 6. c) 2011
- 7. c) Ceasefire and women's inclusion
- 8. a) Peacebuilding, women's rights, and social justice
- 9. b) Mediator
- 10. b) Grassroots movements and women's role

# CLOSE READING GRAPHIC ORGANIZERS INCLUDED

**GROUP ACTIVITY**

TITLE OF TEXT \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT I THINK \_\_\_\_\_

**ANNOTATING MARKS**

- ✓ Circle powerful words or phrases.
- ✓ Underline words or phrases you do not understand.
- ✓ Place a question mark next to words or phrases that make you think.
- ✓ Write an exclamation point next to something interesting.

**SUMMARIZE**

Write a summary of the passage. The main idea should be stated in your first sentence. Then use the four details to write four supporting sentences. Close your summary by restating the main idea.

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**MAIN IDEA**

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MAIN IDEA \_\_\_\_\_

SUPPORTING DETAILS #1 \_\_\_\_\_

SUPPORTING DETAILS #2 \_\_\_\_\_

SUPPORTING DETAILS #3 \_\_\_\_\_

**VOCABULARY GRAPHIC ORGANIZER**

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