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Lady of Leadership

Oprah Winfrey once said that “I believe you’re here to live your life with passion. Otherwise, you’re just traveling through the world blindly—and there is no point in that.” I think that she is one of the most influential people for my generation. I admire and aspire to be like Oprah because of her uplifting outlook on life, generosity, and her ability to come from a corrupt childhood to later become one of the most motivational women still alive today.

Firstly, I applaud Oprah’s enlightening way of living life. After anyone watches one of her shows, the viewers feel better about themselves and sense that Oprah is their friend, rather than a talk show host on TV. Some life lessons she has taught me, as well as her many viewers, are: not to be afraid of success, and that everything someone does may influence them the rest of their life. Also, I admire her values, which include, getting a good education and to appreciate and be thankful for all the things people are fortunate to have. I respect Oprah’s inspirational outlook on life.

I strongly marvel at Oprah dedicating vast amounts of time and money to the well being of others. Unlike many celebrities, instead of just giving money to her favorite charities, she gets involved. For example, when she funded the Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls, she not only gave over forty million dollars to build the school in South Africa, but she also traveled there for the opening celebration to meet some of the girls that would attend the school. This shows me she is really dedicated to what she does, and is not just giving money to a great cause to get publicity. Although I am not directly influenced by Oprah’s generosity, I still appreciate her efforts to make the world a better place for others. In the future I would like to help contribute to the bettering of the world, just as Oprah has done.

One of the most inspirational things I have learned about Oprah is that she came from a troubled childhood before she became the star she is today. Although she did very well in school, her mother tried to place her in a juvenile hall, but Oprah was refused because of the lack of beds. She also gave birth to a premature son, who died after birth when she was only fourteen. Her life began to turn around, finally, when her father and stepmother took Oprah into their home. Soon after, she was voted the “most popular” in school, won a Miss Black Tennessee pageant, and got her first job in radio. This instance of Oprah’s life proves that no one is perfect, and no matter what situation someone may be in, anyone can succeed in life.

Oprah Winfrey is an amazing, inspirational woman. She not only teaches life lessons, and gives to people in need, she also is one of the most influential woman of our time. Hundreds of people look up to her. Throughout her motivating life she has been, and still is, an incredible leader. Oprah Winfrey is my pick for the person that has influenced me the most.

