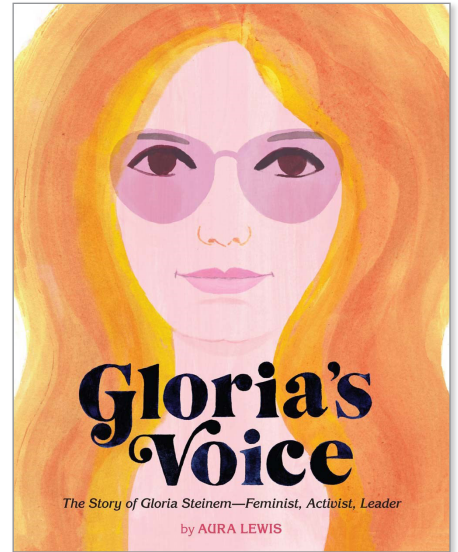


LET'S DISCUSS . . .

STERLING  
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# Gloria's Voice



*This discussion guide is designed for parents, teachers, librarians, and booksellers to explore the story's ideas, themes, and meaning with young readers.*

## THEMES FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWING YOUR DREAMS, EQUALITY, CIVIL RIGHTS, ACTIVISM, AND FEMINISM

### Discussion Theme—Dreaming Big

- Gloria dreamed of being a hero who would help people all over the world. What did she do to make her dream a reality?
- Gloria's mama was prevented from fulfilling her dream because she was expected to stay home and take care of her family. How did that affect Gloria in her own life?

### Discussion Theme—Equality

- Has anyone ever assumed you'd like something just because of your age, race, or gender?
- Gloria saw a problem in journalism: all the voices in the industry were men. Why is it important for a woman's voice to be heard?
- Were you ever prevented from doing something because of your age or gender, like joining a sports team or club? Did you give up or show, in spite of it, that you had the skills you needed?

### Discussion Theme—Turning Hope into Action

- Gloria helped people in India by showing them she cared. How can you spread kindness and caring throughout your world?
- Gloria saw that there were no magazines for women that talked about politics and social justice. How did she help solve that problem? Why was it important?
- Many people came together to create *Ms.* magazine and give women a voice. How can you inspire your friends to come together and stand up for what's right and fair?

### Activity

If you could create a magazine that strived to help people, what kind of magazine would you create?

Don't forget to think of a title and draw a cover!

