

# 12 Quotes By 21st Century Women To Inspire You

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Even in the 21st century, the voices of women still echo a little quieter than their male counterparts. Though female empowerment has come a long way in the past century, it's exciting to think about what this century will have in store for female kind.

It's becoming increasingly more important to provide good role models for women from the early stages of their life. It's absolutely essential girls are taught that they too can be validated for their intellect, determination, talents, and emotional intelligence.

The women these quotes have been pulled from are artists, athletes, entrepreneurs, and scholars. Their collective wisdom can inspire you to reach your fullest potential. **What's most exciting is that many of them may be very close to your age.**

Women of this century are going places, and they're taking you along with them. In the spirit of not forgetting our foundation, you should also check out [10 Influential Quotes from 10 Powerful Women of the 20th Century](#).

So don't underestimate the camaraderie we have with the women on this list! Male or female, we all have something to gain from their wisdom.

1. "You are not the opinion of someone who doesn't know you." - Taylor Swift

Our girl Taylor Swift is no stranger to the opinions of others. If you watch her documentary, [Miss Americana](#), you can see the personal growth she's had to go through in the midst of media

scrutiny. If there's one thing we can learn from Taylor, it's the integrity and resolve she has to be herself despite the opinions of others.

2. "I don't like to lose — at anything... Yet I've grown most not from victories, but setbacks. If winning is God's reward, then losing is how he teaches us." -Serena Williams

Serena Williams calls it out: nobody likes losing. However, she's learned that losing is a necessary tool to mold us into sharper performers. This quote actually inspires gratitude in losing because of all it can teach us.

3. "I don't have to prove anything to anyone, I only have to follow my heart and concentrate on what I want to say to the world. I run my world." - Beyonce

Queen B is the prime example of not having to prove herself to anyone; and still blowing everyone away regardless! There is something to be said for simply focusing on your own goals and priorities. Not only do you save your energy by not worrying about the opinions of others, but you inspire others with your focus, drive, and creativity.

4. "Do not allow people to dim your shine because they are blinded. Tell them to put on some sunglasses" - Lady Gaga

Lady Gaga is the perfect example of not being everybody's type; but boy does it pay off to not be! With her fair share of critics, she's learned that she's only performing to her supporters. The people who don't support her vision aren't even worth her time.

5. "'I'd rather regret the risks that didn't work out than the chances I didn't take at all.'" - Simone Biles

Wouldn't you rather know you'd tried everything, then never know what could have come if you had only tried? Regret can leave a bad taste in our mouths, but it's a small price to pay if you ultimately find your way to success.

6. "Every twist and turn in life is an opportunity to learn something new about yourself, your interests, your talents, and how to set and then achieve goals." - Jameela Jamil

Looking back, you may be surprised by how many good things come from something else that hasn't worked out. Failed opportunities are never really failures if you learn and grow in the process. Even measuring your success in lessons learned, friends gained, and fun had is enough to justify the twists and turns in life.

7. "I don't want other people to decide who I am. I want to decide that for myself." - Emma Watson

Say it louder for the people in the back! With such a powerful generation coming of age, it's important we learn that we don't have to settle for the stories other people tell about us. When you're the only one that lives in your head, you ultimately get to decide who she is.

8. "I finally realized that owning up to your vulnerabilities is a form of strength." – Lizzo

Something many of us learn later in life (and continue to learn) is that being vulnerable isn't a form of weakness. It shows incredible emotional strength to show up as you are. Keeping your emotions intact while [confidently being vulnerable](#) is something only the most emotionally mature people can do.

9. "Doubt Kills More Dreams Than Failure Ever Will." - Suzy Kassem

Although doubt can sometimes feel like a safe space to protect your expectations, it can often be the killer of dreams. If doubt were removed from your life, what would you be able to accomplish? What mental blockers would be removed if you decided the doubt you had meant nothing?

10. "If I want to do something powerful or special, then I contact people I think are smart, educated, inspiring and I'll say, "What are you doing? How can I help?" – Zendaya

It's fascinating that Zendaya offers her service to people she finds inspiring. Although it's easy to consume from the people we admire, have you ever wondered what it would be like if you offered to help them? Sometimes offering your services can be the best way to learn from a new mentor.

11. "I want every little girl who's been told she's bossy to be told again she has leadership skills." —Sheryl Sandberg

It's thrilling that the narrative around the "bossy girl" type is being changed. Women who are natural leaders tend to come across differently than their male counterparts. The result can sometimes mean these emerging leaders learn to filter themselves rather than embrace their leadership talents. How many more leaders can we create if we cultivate their skills instead of curb them?

12. "In whatever you do, you're not going to stand out unless you think big and have ideas that are truly original. That comes from tapping into your own creativity, not obsessing over what everyone else is doing." - Sophia Amoruso

The pressure to blend in is a deep-rooted human instinct. However, these days it's worn out its usefulness. Ingenuity and creativity have high payouts when applied correctly. Think of the most prominent people in your field. Did they get there by doing what everyone else was doing? They take risks, dream big, and set their expectations high. We all benefit from their ambition.

So many of these women started moving their own mountains when they were very young, and they've already accomplished so much this century. It's exciting to see how many inspirational women have emerged in the 21st century so far.

This century is young, and there are many more inspirational women to come soon. So will you be among the inspirational women of this century?