

VIEWING GUIDE

# WE WILL RISE

Michelle Obama's Mission to Educate Girls Around the World

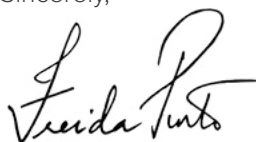
Dear Friends,

Many of us are aware that millions of girls are denied access to education. And yet, we don't often get the chance to hear from girls themselves about what it's like to confront and overcome the challenges that keep them out of school.

*We Will Rise: Michelle Obama's Mission to Educate Girls Around the World* is a CNN Films documentary about a group of extraordinary girls in Morocco and Liberia as well as powerful activists Michelle Obama, Meryl Streep, Freida Pinto and Isha Sesay, who are committed to the transformative power of girls' education.

We hope you will watch with your family and friends and use this opportunity to think about your own education and consider how you can get more deeply involved.

Sincerely,



Freida Pinto, Girl Rising Ambassador





## Getting Started

**Mark your calendars.** *We Will Rise: Michelle Obama's Mission to Educate Girls Around the World* will broadcast globally. (All times Eastern Standard. Check local listings for exact times.)

**Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>** 6:00 am, 12:00 pm and 3:00 pm on CNN International in Asia, Europe and Africa

**Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>** 9:00 pm on CNN International

**Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>** 12:00 am on CNN International

**Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>** 12:00 pm on HLN

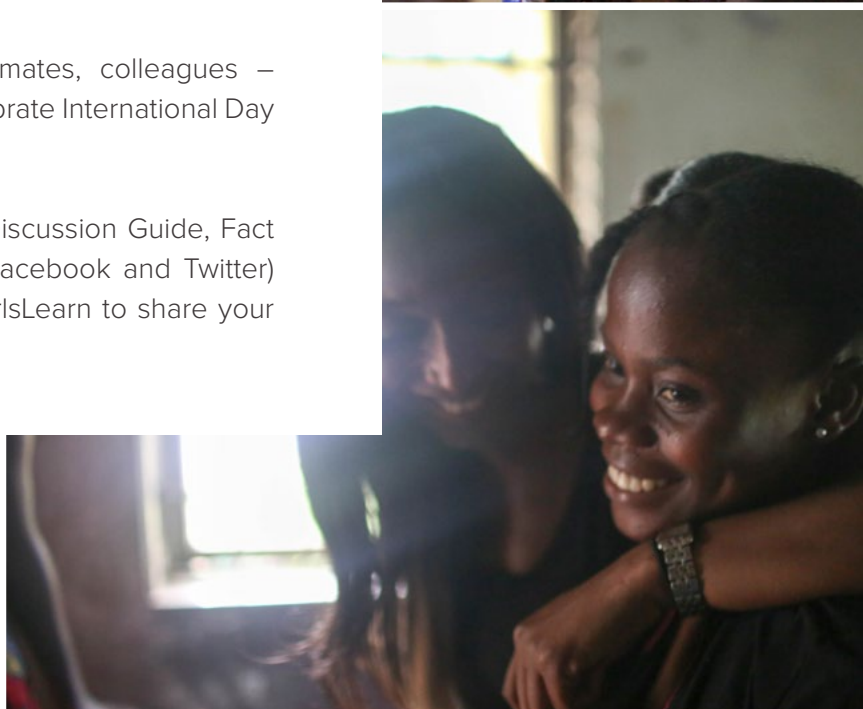
**Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>** TBD on CNN en Español

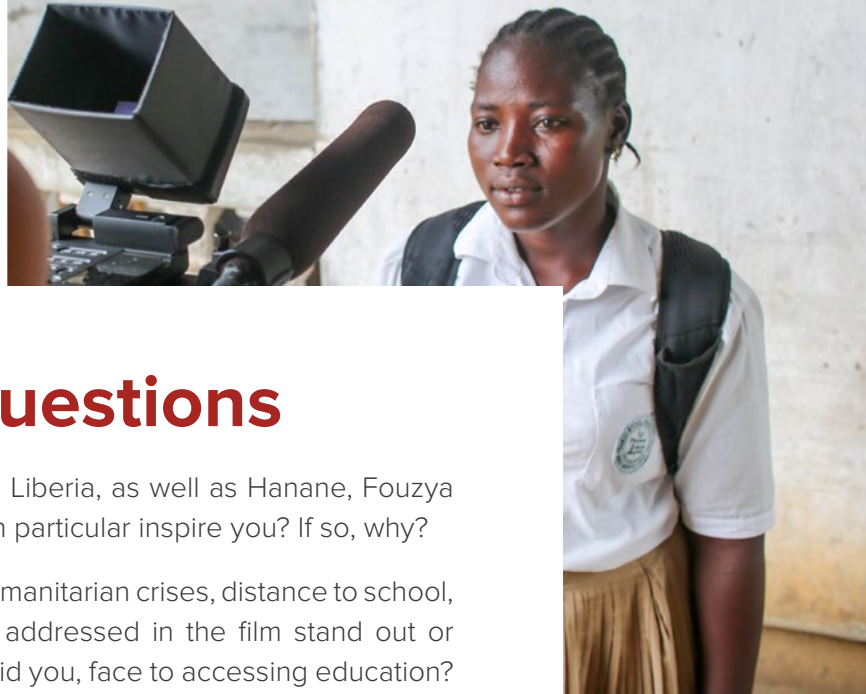
\* Beginning Thursday, October 13th, *We Will Rise: Michelle Obama's Mission to Educate Girls Around the World* will be available on-demand via [CNNgo](#), across CNN's mobile platforms and cable and satellite systems for subscribers.

**Decide where to host your viewing party.** Note that the film will only be available on CNN on October 11th and 12th. It will be available for streaming starting October 13th for CNN subscribers.

**Rally your community.** Friends, family, classmates, colleagues – everyone can benefit from the opportunity to celebrate International Day of the Girl. Who will be at your viewing party?

**Get Talking.** Before the broadcast [explore](#) the Discussion Guide, Fact Sheet and Take Action Guide. Tag [@girlrising](#) (Facebook and Twitter) and [@girlrisingofficial](#) (Instagram) and use [#LetGirlsLearn](#) to share your thoughts on social media as you watch.





## Discussion Questions

- In the film we meet Raphina, Janet and Tina in Liberia, as well as Hanane, Fouzya and Karima in Morocco. Does one girl's story in particular inspire you? If so, why?
- The barriers girls face to education are many: humanitarian crises, distance to school, child marriage, social stigma; Did one barrier addressed in the film stand out or surprise you? What type of barriers do you, or did you, face to accessing education?
- A girl may be denied access to education simply because of her sex. Have you ever faced a bias determined by your gender, girl or boy?
- What are the different challenges boys and girls in your community face to accessing opportunities? Are expectations of achievement for men and women different? How?
- In Liberia, Raphina proved the value of her education when she saved her uncle's life and, perhaps, the lives of many others. What is one way that your education has made a difference for yourself or others?
- Lack of female role models in countries like Liberia and Morocco can be a real problem. If you have never known a woman scientist, you may never dream of becoming one. Who are your role models? And who looks to you as a role model?
- Secondary school is required in fewer than 15% of countries and is often far more expensive than primary school. What are the implications when millions of children around the world unable to complete secondary school?
- School and home are not the only places where girls face pressures. How can employers, politicians and religious leaders listen more closely to girls?
- First Lady Michelle Obama says, "It feels better to make change when you're on a team." Who is on your "team"?
- The girls' education conversation is not for girls and women only. What role do fathers, brothers and male peers play and what impact do they have on a girl's future? Who are the boys and men who inspire you?
- The girls featured in "We Will Rise..." have used their education to challenge social norms and create change in their communities. How can you better your world? How will you rise up?

