 Oprah Winfrey

Search and write an inspirational story of a successful entrepreneur?

The powerful woman we know today as a talk-show host, writer, campaigner, Golden Globe winner and global icon was actually born into poverty in rural Mississippi and raised in inner-city Milwaukee. Yet she didn’t let her past define her future. After a troubled childhood, Winfrey landed a job in radio while still in high school. By 19, she was a co-anchor for the local evening news. Soon after, she became a daytime talk-show host and went on to launch her own production company. By 32 years-old, Winfrey was a millionaire. By 2000, she had a net worth of $800 million, making Winfrey the richest African American of the 20th century. By 2008, her yearly income had increased to $275 million. By 2014, Forbes claimed that Winfrey had a net worth in excess of 2.9 billion dollars. The reason she did so well? Because she aligned her work with her passion.

In a [speech](https://www.elle.com/culture/celebrities/a14849314/oprah-golden-globes-speech-secrets-success/) at the Golden Globes, Oprah explained, “The single greatest wisdom I think I’ve ever received is that the key to fulfillment, success, happiness, contentment in life is when you align your personality with what your soul actually came to do. I believe everyone has a soul and their own personal spiritual energy. When you use your personality to serve whatever that thing is, you can’t help but be successful.”

What was his/her passion?

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How did he/she start the business?

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Nationality?

African American