

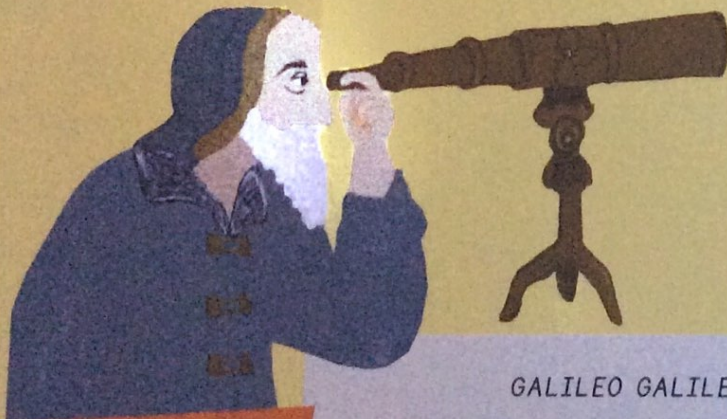
REBEL POWER

A rebel is someone who asks,
'Why?'

Rebels don't just accept things the way they are. They question what they see around them, and ask if it is right or fair. They don't follow the rules, or care about what other people might think of them. They are brave enough to go against the flow, and to fight for what they believe in. Rebels can change things.

Throughout history, many rebels have stood up to leaders or governments to fight for greater freedom for groups of people who didn't have power, for example, women, slaves or people living in poverty. Other rebels have tried to change people's beliefs with an idea that was new or revolutionary for the time.

When enough people rebel, it can bring down governments or monarchies. In the French Revolution in the late 18th century, for example, the people overthrew the king and took control of the country.



GALILEO GALILEI

The 16th-century Italian astronomer Galileo was arrested for arguing that Earth orbited the Sun. This went against the powerful Catholic Church, which taught that Earth was the centre of the universe.



SPARTACUS

The famous rebel Spartacus was a gladiator who escaped and helped to lead a group of slaves in an uprising against the mighty Roman Empire. His army had many victories against the Romans before it was finally defeated.



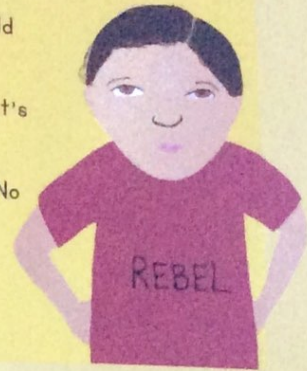
MANAL AL-SHARIF

Many women in Saudi Arabia rebelled against a rule forbidding them from driving. In 2011, Manal al-Sharif was arrested after she posted a video on social media of herself driving. Saudi Arabian women eventually won the right to drive in 2018.

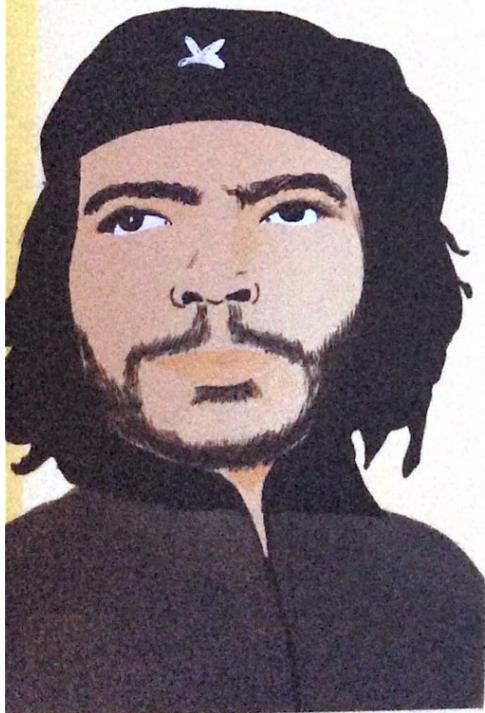
ARE YOU A REBEL? TAKE THE TEST.

- Would you do something you thought was right, even if you knew it would make you unpopular with your friends? Yes/No
- Do you look at the world around you and see things that you would like to change? Yes/No
- Do you sometimes question what you are told to do, if you think it's not right or fair? Yes/No
- Do you stand up for other people who are treated unfairly? Yes/No

If you answered 'Yes' to three or more questions, you have the makings of a rebel.



THE DOCTOR WHO BECAME A REBEL



'The revolution is not an apple that falls when it is ripe. You have to make it fall.'

One of the most famous rebels of all time, Che Guevara was born in 1928 in Argentina, where he studied to be a doctor. While travelling around South and Central America, he saw a lot of poor people being treated unfairly. He decided that the only way to change things was through violent revolution. He helped revolutionaries in Cuba seize power in 1959, and he tried to start revolutions in other countries too, before he was killed. People have different opinions about Che Guevara. Some people think he is a hero who defended the poor, while others see him as a murderer who executed people without trial.

THINKING
POINT

Many rebels and rebellions have used violence to overthrow power and make change. Do you think this can be justified?