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Goodies



Wednesday
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The future Mrs president?



I think women
can be great
leaders!



I agree. Your gender
should not stop you
from being the best.

Editor's Note

Could Hillary Clinton become the next US president? Other countries have had women as leaders before so it is nothing new. Could we even have a female chief executive of Hong Kong? As long as they make the right decisions, it does not matter who is in charge of our city. Read more about female leaders on G02. On G06-07 are some fan letters for Rose. She really is a popular seahorse!



Simon

THE FIRST ever female United States (美國) president could be elected next year after Hilary Clinton (希拉莉) entered the presidential race. Although the news was expected, it was still an important moment because it is the most powerful job in the world. If she is elected she will be the first woman leader of the US since it was formed in 1776. She would influence trade, wars and poverty issues around the world. Today, let us learn some more about powerful women in history.



Party politics



"I want to be a leader like Hilary Clinton when I grow up. But some people don't like her."



"Yes, **rivals** from another **political party** are trying to stop her becoming president by saying bad things."



"What do they say?"



"They say she is a **veteran** of politics because her husband Bill was US president for eight years and she's been a lawmaker for 13 years. People want a new person."



"Her experience is useful and she can bring new ideas. What else do they say?"



"Mrs Clinton is 67 and rivals say she is simply too old."



"I disagree. If you're still fit and able you should be **treated** equally."

Leading ladies

Here are some important women who have led their countries.

Wu Zetian
(武則天)

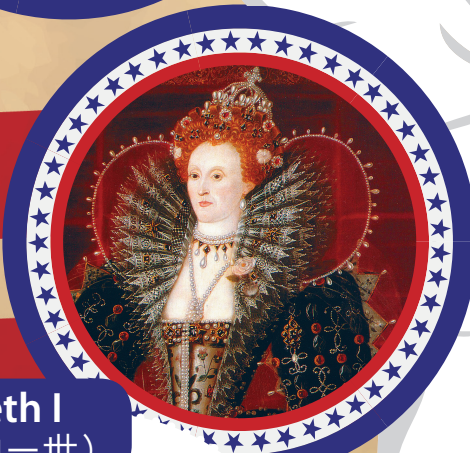
China's only female emperor in 4,000 years of history expanded the country's empire and encouraged learning and education.

Margaret Thatcher
(戴卓爾夫人)

The UK's (英國) first and only woman prime minister was called the Iron Lady for her tough style.

Indira Gandhi

She served two successful terms as India's (印度) prime minister before she was **assassinated** in October 1984.

Elizabeth I
(伊莉沙伯一世)

Although her 44 years as Queen of England were mostly peaceful, she led a famous victory against Spain's (西班牙) navy in 1588.



Cleopatra

The last great Egyptian (埃及的) **pharaoh** stopped the spread of the Roman Empire (羅馬帝國) to her country.

Quiz

Circle the right answer.

1. The US is the world's largest / second largest economy.
2. It has the second / third biggest population in the world.
3. Its share of global spending on weapons is 37 percent / 47 percent.
4. McDonald's has over 21,000 / 31,000 restaurants worldwide.

Answers on G12

Vocabulary

rival (n) 對手
political party (n phr) 政治黨派

veteran (n) 資深的人/政客
treat (v) 對待

assassinate (v) 刺殺
pharaoh (n) 法老王



Challenge

