



June

Monthly Patch Program Girl Scouts of Central Illinois

Indira Gandhi

“Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever.”

Indira Gandhi was an Indian politician who was the third Prime Minister of India from 1966 to 1977 and from 1980 until her assassination in 1984. She was India's first and only female prime minister.



Complete 3-Daisy, 4-Brownie, 5-Junior, 6-Cadette, and 7-Senior/Ambassador steps to earn your patch.

All monthly patches are custom designed patches. Once we get the final number of patches after the 15th of each month, we place an order. Patches take about a month to create and then we mail them to you.

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Discover

1. Who was Indira Gandhi? What is she known for? Visit your local library or ask for a parent's permission to research her on the internet.
2. Indira grew up in India in the 1920's. What was life like for Indira during her childhood? How did she spend her time? What were some of her hardships?
3. Indira's father was a leading figure in India's movement for independence from Great Britain. How do you think that shaped her future?
4. Indira wasn't the only female politician during her time. What were some other well-known female politicians in the 70s and 80s? What roles did they have? What policies or changes did they make within their respective governments?

Connect

5. When Indira was only 19 years old, her mother died of Tuberculosis. What is Tuberculosis? How is it transmitted from person to person? What is done to prevent and control the spread of Tuberculosis?
6. When Indira took office in the 1960s and 70s, there were not many other women leaders in other governmental offices. Research what women were in office, what offices they held, and any changes they made during their time served.

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7. In 1982 a large number of Sikhs occupied and fortified the Harmandir Sahib complex at Amritsar as a rebellion against the central government for not allowing them independence. What is a Sikh? What is the Harmandir Sahib in relation to the Sikhs? If you are religious, do you have a place like the Harmandir Sahib in your religion? If you are not religious, look up a well-known religion and research what their “Harmandir Sahib” is and where it is located.

Take Action

8. Indira improved India’s food problems by expanding and updating production in the agriculture fields. This transformed the country from a nation heavily reliant on imported grains and more likely to suffer from famine to one largely able to feed itself and achieve food security. This transformation is known as “The Green Revolution”. With your family or troop, discuss the benefits and disadvantages of the Green Revolution’s solutions. What impact did they have on India’s environment, economy, and residents? Discuss what ways this plan could’ve been improved or what other methods could’ve been used instead.
9. Indira introduced some controversial policies in her time as Prime Minister. With permission from a parent, research these policies online. What policies did she put in place that her country did not agree with? Which policies do you agree with or not? Are there any laws currently in our government that you agree or disagree with? Discuss these laws with your family or troop. If there are any you disagree with, can you think of anything that can be done to change these laws?

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10. Prime Ministers, and other heads of state, have to sign peace treaties occasionally to put an end to conflict happening in or with their country. What are peace treaties? Are they effective? Indira signed the Simla (Shimla) Agreement with the President of Pakistan in 1972 to normalize relations between their two countries and lay down steps to govern their future interactions. Have you ever had to reach an agreement with a friend or family member after having an argument? How is that similar and different than a peace treaty? Write up your own version of a peace treaty for either your friends, family, or troop.