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An American television hostess, actress, producer, philanthropist and entrepreneur Oprah Gail Winfrey was born on January 29, 1954, in Kosciusko, Mississippi. She moved then to Nashville to live with her father, Vernon, a barber and a businessman.

In 1976, Oprah Winfrey moved to Baltimore, Maryland, where she hosted the TV chat show *People Are Talking*. The show became a hit and Winfrey stayed with it for eight years, after which she was recruited by a Chicago TV station to host her own morning show, *A.M. Chicago*. Her major competitor in the time slot was Phil Donahue. Within several months, Winfrey's open, warm-hearted personal style had won her 100,000 more viewers than Donahue and had taken her show from last place to first in the ratings. Her success led to nationwide fame and a role in Steven Spielberg's 1985 film *The Color Purple*, for which she was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress.

Winfrey launched the *Oprah Winfrey Show* in 1986 as a nationally syndicated program. With its placement on 120 channels and an audience of 10 million people, the show grossed \$125 million by the end of its first year, of which Winfrey received \$30 million.

With the debut in 1999 with Oxygen Media, a company she cofounded Winfrey ensured her place in the forefront of the media industry and as one of the most powerful and wealthy people in show business. This company produced cable and Internet programming for women. In 2002, she concluded a deal with the network to air a prime-time complement to her syndicated talk show.

According to *Forbes* magazine, Oprah was the richest African American of the 20th century. *Life* magazine hailed her as the most influential woman of her generation.

In November 2013, Winfrey received the nation's highest civilian honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom. President Barack Obama gave her this award for her contributions to her country.