

## FOR THESE WOMEN, READING IS A DARING ACT BY LAURA BOUSHNAK

### WARM-UP

1. Discuss how women are discriminated against in these areas:

- EDUCATION
- PROFESSION
- WORKPLACE
- SOCIETY



### VOCABULARY & DISCUSSION

2. Complete the questions with words from the box. Words in brackets will help you to get the meaning of words you have to complete.

overcome      mindset      illiterate      struggle

- What kind of barriers do women in your country have to **OVERCOME**? (*deal with*)
- Do you think there are a lot of women that are **ILLITERATE** in the world? (*cannot write and read*)
- How can we change the **MINDSET** of society in order to help women improve their situation? (*way of thinking*)
- What countries in your opinion **STRUGGLE** most with gender inequality? (*fight*)

3. Answer the questions from ex. 2 with your partner.

### VIDEO & DISCUSSION

4. Watch the first part of the speech (0:00 - 1:40) and decide if these statements are true or false.

- Personal experiences don't motivate the speaker. **F**
- At the beginning she couldn't study at the university. **T**
- It wasn't difficult to make women take part in the project. **F**
- The images of women with their words were shared at the streets. **F**

**5. Watch the rest of the talk (1:40 - 5:05).**

**6. Circle a correct word in the sentences from the video.**

- "I saw how she was longing to *gain/make/bring* control over her simple daily routines, small details that we take *on/for/with* granted, from counting money at the market to helping her kids in homework."
- "I've always dreamt *to/of/by* discovering a new bacteria."
- "She received a *money/grant/salary* from a local NGO to fund her business studies at the university."
- "The Arab states are going through *high/quite/tremendous* change, and the struggles women face are overwhelming."

**7. Work in pairs and discuss if you agree or disagree with these sentences:**

- a. If there were more female politicians, there would be no wars in the world.
- b. If governments give more money to women's organizations, they will spend it on education.
- c. If boys and girls were treated the same way, the problem of gender inequality would be solved.

**8. Now, finish these sentences. Then, compare your sentences with another pair and discuss them together.**

- If there were more women in top management, .....
- The position of women will change in 50 years' time if .....
- If men took more care of children, .....