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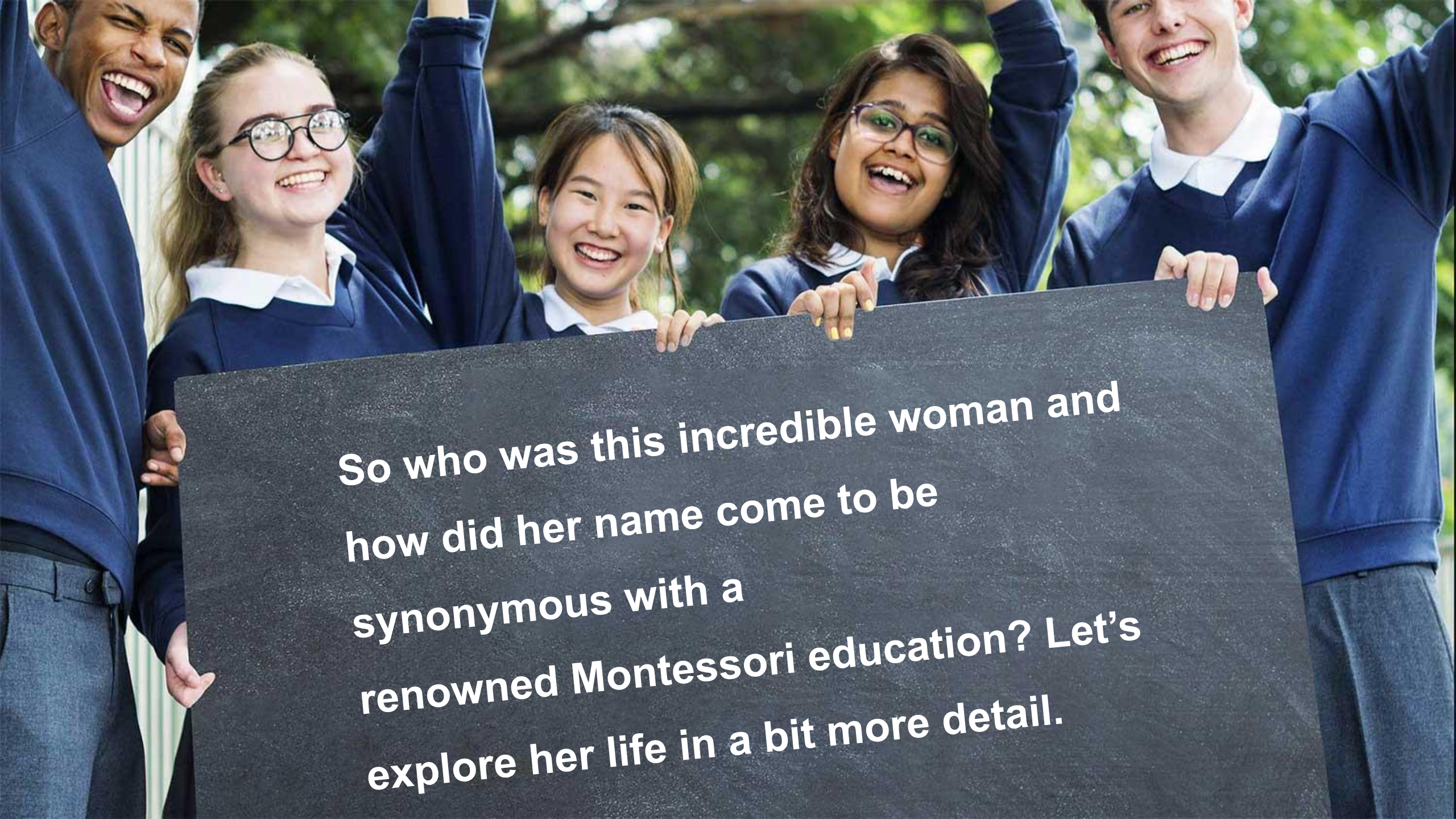
# Maria Montessori Italian educator

WOMEN POWER – RAISING AWARENESS





<https://youtu.be/jgpncuyLR8c>

A group of five diverse students in school uniforms are smiling and holding up a large black sign. The sign contains white text that reads: "So who was this incredible woman and how did her name come to be synonymous with a renowned Montessori education? Let's explore her life in a bit more detail." The students are of various ethnicities and are all wearing blue school sweaters with white collars. They are standing outdoors with green foliage in the background.

**So who was this incredible woman and how did her name come to be synonymous with a renowned Montessori education? Let's explore her life in a bit more detail.**



Thousands are aware of Montessori schools due to their esteemed programs, but very few know exactly how they got their name. Surprisingly, these schools are named for a 19th century Italian born visionary named Maria Montessori.







**Her work in the field of education is still being widely utilized to this very day. She left two highly lucrative careers behind and even traveled into war torn nations just to spread her message of a new and improved education system.**





*“I followed  
these children,  
studying them,  
studied them closely  
and they taught me  
how to teach them.”*

Physician Maria Montessori is recognized as one of the pioneers in the development of early childhood education.

The recognition of multiple pathways to learning, the importance of concrete or hands-on learning, the stages of cognitive development in children, and the link between children's emotional development and their ability to learn at an optimal rate.







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# Why Did She Decide To Start The Schools?

As a physician and a professor of anthropology, she began to notice something about the way in which children learned. She noticed that very important in the learning process was the environment in which the student learned. She found no correlation between tests and homework and excelling as a student so she opted to grow an environment that is extremely hands on and team oriented. She believed that when children make the connection between what they are learning about and what they are physically doing, there is much more of a chance that the information will stick in their minds.





# What Is So Special About A Montessori School?

“Children teach themselves”

This was her mindset observing what the children were already doing when they were unsupervised by adults and then adapting these activities into an educational activity.

Her first “Montessori School” was called “Children’s House” to educate roughly five dozen children of parents who were forced to work full time to make ends meet.





# How Far Have Her Works Reached Across The Globe?

Her travels had taken her to some incredible places across the globe, all of which were left better suited to educate their nation's children than before she arrived. These nations include but are not limited to:

Italy – Germany – Spain - The United States - The Netherlands - Great Britain – India.

There about **20,000 Montessori schools around the world**, including 5,000 in the U.S., of which more than 500 are public schools

## Worldwide Montessori Diffusion





# How Many Students Has She Positively Impacted?

There is no way to know exactly how many students have benefited from these learning techniques.

Maria was a big proponent for class sizes of greater than 30 children. Kids around their age can better express themselves and be more open to learning new topics. Assuming grades 1 through 6 each have the ideal 30 children, it can be estimated that more than three and a **half million students** are positively influenced by a Montessori program every year.

Classes are typically staffed by a Montessori trained teacher and an assistant.





# Some examples





# Some official awards

