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The Inspiring Story of Greta Thunberg

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Greta Thunberg is a young Swedish activist who is known for her advocacy work on climate change. Born on January 3, 2003, in Stockholm, Sweden, Greta became interested in the issue of climate change at a very young age. She was inspired by a documentary about the impact of global warming, which she watched in school when she was just eight years old.

In August 2018, Greta decided to take action on climate change. She began to skip school every Friday to protest outside the Swedish Parliament. She held a sign that read "Skolstrejk för klimatet," which means "School strike for the climate." Her goal was to raise awareness about the urgent need to reduce carbon emissions and to push politicians to take action on climate change.

Greta's protest gained international attention, and soon students around the world began to join her in striking for the climate. In March 2019, more than one million students in 123 countries participated in a global climate strike, inspired by Greta's actions. She has since become the face of a youth-led movement for climate action.

In September 2019, Greta traveled to the United States to speak at the United Nations Climate Action Summit. She gave a powerful speech, in which she criticized world leaders for not doing enough to address climate change. Her words went viral, and she quickly became a household name.

Greta's activism has also earned her numerous awards and recognition. She was named Time Magazine's Person of the Year in 2019, and she has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize three times.

Despite facing criticism and backlash from some politicians and media outlets, Greta has continued to be an outspoken advocate for climate action. She has inspired millions of young people around the

world to take action on climate change and to demand a more sustainable future.

Through her activism, Greta has shown that anyone, regardless of their age, can make a difference in the world. She has reminded us that it is our collective responsibility to take action on climate change and to protect the planet for future generations.



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