

Wilma's Way Home: The Life of Wilma Mankiller

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Book Summary: "Despite many obstacles, from resistance to female leadership to a life-threatening accident, Wilma's courageous dedication to serving her people led to her election as the first female chief of the Cherokee Nation. As leader and advocate, she reinvigorated her constituency by empowering them to identify and solve community problems."

Ages: 4-8

Length: 48 pages

Grades: PK-3

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Lexile Rating: 840L

Online Read-aloud: [Hanna Kindle \(15:45\)](#)

Washington State Financial Education Standards	Grades K-2	Grades 3-5
SS: Spending & Saving CD: Credit & Debt EI: Employment & Income I: Investing RM: Risk Management & Insurance FD: Financial Decision-Making	EI: Explore job and career options EI: Compare sources of personal income and compensation	EI: Explore job and career options EI: Compare sources of personal income and compensation FD: Apply communication strategies when discussing financial issues
Washington State K-12 SEL Standards and Benchmarks	Self	Social
	Self-Awareness: Benchmark 1A-C Self-Efficacy: Benchmark 3C	Social Awareness: Benchmarks 4A-C Social Management: Benchmark 5B-C Social Engagement: Benchmarks 6A-C

Resource: [Educator's Guide](#)

Summary: Pre- and post-reading text-dependent discussion questions, as well as writing prompts and ideas for cross-curricular integration.

Grade: Ages 6+

Source: Hatchette Book Group's [Little Brown Library](#)

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Resource: *Wilma's Way Home* [Elementary](#) and [Middle School](#) Discussion Questions

Summary: Downloadable PDF with text-dependent questions for post-reading discussion.

Grade: 2-5, 6-8

Source: VCEE's [Reading Makes Cents](#) program

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Lesson: *Wilma's Way Home* [A Matter of Perspectives](#) Economics Lesson

Summary: (25-30 minutes) Students will review economic concepts through the context of Wilma's story and look at events from multiple perspectives.

Grade: 3-6

Source: VCEE's [Reading Makes Cents](#) program

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Lesson: *Wilma's Way Home* [Productive Resources](#) Economics Lesson

Summary: (25-30 minutes) Students will learn how geographical regions affect the productive resources used by various Native American cultures.

Grade: 3-6

Source: VCEE's [Reading Makes Cents](#) program

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Resource: [Wilma Mankiller American Quarter Coloring Page](#)

Summary: Printable PDF of Wilma Mankiller's 2022 [American's Women Quarters Program](#) design.

Grade: All

Source: [U.S. Mint Coin Classroom](#)

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