

Profiles in Leadership



Joan Of Arc

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Born: 1412 Died: 1431



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Born in 1412 to Jacques and Isabelle d'Arc in Domremy, France.

Joan was the youngest of five children.

Her real name was Jehanne d'Arc. She was never called Joan of Arc while she was alive.



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When Joan was twelve she first heard a Voice from God.

The Voices were St. Michael the Archangel, St. Catherine and St. Margaret.

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Her voices told her she must deliver her country from the invading English.

Joan left home at sixteen to answer her calling.

In May of 1428, she went to see Sir Robert de Baudricourt and asked to be sent to the King.



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Joan lived during the time period of the Hundred Years War.

The Hundred Years War was a series of wars and truces between the Kings of France and England.

In 1429 she disclosed a vision that the French would suffer a major defeat outside the city of Orleans.

Baudricourt finally led her to Charles VII, King of France.

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King Charles VII sent her to be examined by the doctors of the Church to see whether her visions were authentic or not.

She was found to be authentic!



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After being examined, Charles officially gave Joan command of the armies of France.

Joan is the youngest person in history to command the armies of a nation.

She was 17.



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In April of 1429, she led the French against the English in the Battle of Orleans.

Joan broke the seige of Orleans in only three days of fighting in May 1429.



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Joan predicted she would be wounded in the exact manner that it occurred.

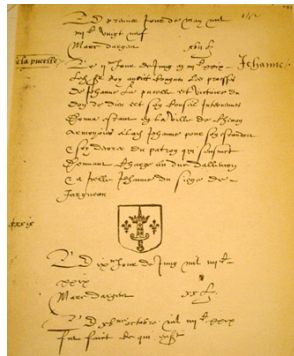
She was wounded by an arrow above her breast during the attack. Her prediction happened 15 days before the event and is documented.



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Joan was rewarded by Charles with a coat of arms.

Charles himself drew the design for her coat of arms featuring a sword holding a crown with a fleur-de-lis on each side.



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Joan attempted to liberate Paris on September 1492.

Joan was wounded and the attempt to liberate Paris failed. She was hit by a bolt from a crossbow.

She refused to leave the battlefield and was forcible carried to the rear.

She wanted to renew the attack the next day but was overruled by King Charles VII.

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Joan spends most of the winter of 1429 as a frustrated guest in the King's court.

In the Spring of 1430, Joan takes the field with a small army.

Joan was captured by Burgundian soldiers on May 23, 1430.



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Joan was put on trial for heresy in the Spring of 1431.

The English paid for the trial that was run by Church officials loyal to them.

She was held in a prison cell shackled to her bed.



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Joan was threatened with torture unless she denied her Voices.

Joan was threatened with burning on May 24, 1431.

Even Joan had a breaking point and facing fire and death, agreed to abjure.



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Joan was then pronounced a relapsed heretic and sentenced to death on May 30, 1431.

Joan was burned to death.

Her last words were:

“Jesus, Jesus, Jesus”



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Joan was officially beatified by Pope Pius X on April 18, 1909.

Joan was officially canonized by Pope Benedict XV on May 16, 1920.

Saint Joan of Arc Feast day is celebrated on May 30th.



St. Joan of Arc
