## Serena Williams: A Different Inspiration

Serena Williams is a tennis star, but she was not always one. It took prevailing determination and resilience to achieve that and to be an idol on the court and stand out off the court. Serena Williams born September 26, 1981, is probably one of the most iconic female tennis players of all time. The path to fame and glory had many setbacks and was not something that was achieved overnight yet she overcame them to reach greatness from the simple public courts where she played with her father in Compton, California to a 23 Grand Slam title winner.

Serena Williams was born to her parents Richard and Oracene Williams who both supported her and were the ones who kept her going no matter how hard things became. Her father trained her on the public courts in Compton and despite facing racism in a previously white-dominated sport he kept going.

Serena soon showed promise and soon was playing in professional tournaments at the age of 14. However, she lost game after game and the racism and prejudice she faced were not helping the situation hence the reason I think she is an inspiring role model is that even after all the difficulties that she faced she was persistent in the face of adversity.

Instead of giving up like many people in her situation would, she used it as motivation to do better next time and never let them discourage her. All her hard work finally paid off when she won her first Grand Slam title in 1999 and from that moment on her success skyrocketed. She was winning title after title becoming a key player and a commanding force in women's tennis.

She also became a key voice in women's equality on and off the courts and she has spoken out against racism and used her platform to advocate for other issues that need to be heard. She has had firsthand experience of what it is like for people to go against you just because you are a different race or sex.

Serena Williams, a girl playing on the public courts in Compton to becoming a tennis legend. Her story is a testament to her persistence and courage; she has never let anything, or anyone put her down. She is a star player and an inspiring idol who will continue to inspire many others. She has shown us that we can achieve anything by being dedicated and persistent.