



# TEACHING GUIDE

## María Corina Machado, a woman of courage

**What?** María Corina Machado **won the 2025 Nobel Peace Prize** for her peaceful fight for democracy in Venezuela.

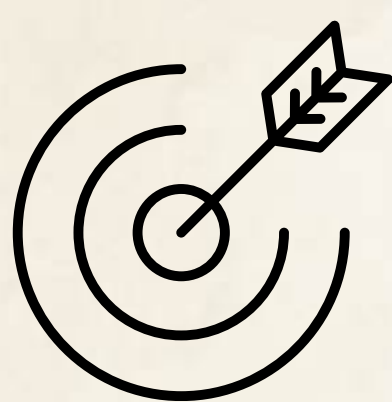
**Who?** María Corina Machado is a **Venezuelan politician** who leads the opposition against Nicolás Maduro's government.

**Where?** The prize was awarded **in Oslo, Norway**.

**When?** The announcement of the award was made **on October 10**.

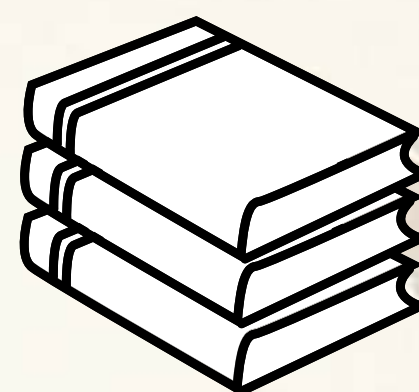
**Why is it important?** María Corina Machado **is fighting for democracy in her country**. Despite threats, she has remained in her country, even in hiding (she has to go underground), inspiring millions of people.

**For this activity, your goal will be to learn more about María Corina Machado and her country, Venezuela.**



### OBJECTIVES

- Understand what the Nobel Peace Prize is and its global significance.
- Discover the journey of María Corina Machado, winner of the 2025 Nobel Peace Prize.
- Explore the geography of Venezuela using digital tools.
- Develop curiosity, critical thinking, and the ability to use technology for learning.



### SUBJECTS

- **Language.** Reading texts and writing (sentences)
- **Geography.** Exploring Venezuela
- **Social studies.** Impact of a global figure and global issues.
- **Citizenship.** Reflection on civic engagement and ethics.



### COMPETENCIES

- **Language.** Read a variety of texts, write a variety of texts.
- **Geography.** Use a virtual atlas (Google Earth).
- **Social studies.** Read and interpret geographical representations.
- **Citizenship.** Reflect on values such as peace, justice, freedom, and democracy.



### DURATION

- Around 60 minutes



### GETTING STARTED

- Show a short video or photo of María Corina Machado at a public rally in Venezuela.
- Ask students: "Do you know this woman? What do you think she is doing in this picture?"
- Allow for a few spontaneous responses.
- Then explain: "This is María Corina Machado, a Venezuelan politician who received the Nobel Peace Prize in 2025 for her fight for democracy. Today, we are going to learn about her journey and reflect on what it means to defend freedom."



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### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**STEP 1 - The Nobel Prize: what is it?** Watch a video about the Nobel Prize and answer a few comprehension questions.

- **Q1** - Alfred Nobel. The Nobel Prize was awarded for the first time in 1901.
- **Q2** - Dynamite! ✨
- **Q3** - Peace, physics, chemistry, medicine, literature, and economics
- **Q4** - Barack Obama, Malala Yousafzai, Muhammad Yunus, etc.

**STEP 2 – The fight of a lifetime.** Read the Wikipedia entry on María Corina Machado and answer a few comprehension questions.

- **Q5** - María Corina Machado was born on October 7, 1967. She is 58 years old.
- **Q6** - She is an industrial engineer.
- **Q7** - The movement is called “Súmate,” which means “Join us!” in Spanish.

**STEP 3 - Discovering Venezuela.** Exploration and research on Google Earth and answering some geography questions.

- **Q8** - Venezuela is located in South America.
- **Q9** - Venezuela's neighboring countries are Colombia, Brazil, and Guyana.
- **Q10** - The capital of Venezuela is Caracas.
- **Q11** - Lake Maracaibo.

### TO WRAP UP

- Review the main findings: what have we learned about María Corina Machado, her political commitment, and her fight for democracy in Venezuela?
- Ask the child to say in one sentence what surprised or touched them most about María Corina Machado's journey.
- Remind them together why it is important to defend freedom, human rights, democracy, and peace, as she has done throughout her career.

### FURTHER EXPLORATION

- 🌐 “Spanish Speaking Countries of the World ~ VENEZUELA”. *Mi Camino Spanish* (<https://youtu.be/B6ODk50ljo8?si=BVMO89Impiw7wPoJ>)
- 🌐 “Venezuela For Kids”. *Kids World Travel Guide* (<https://www.kids-world-travel-guide.com/venezuela-for-kids.html>)
- 🌐 “Educational resources”. The Nobel Prize ([www.nobelprize.org/educational](http://www.nobelprize.org/educational))

