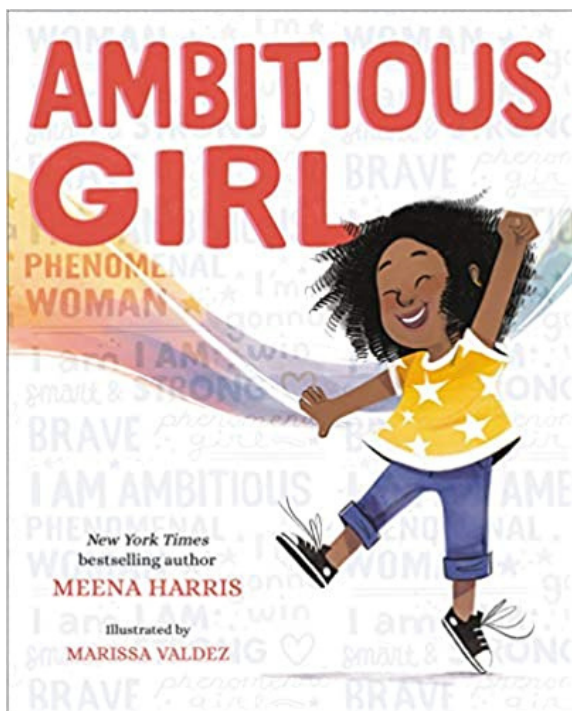


## AMBITIOUS GIRL!

"DON'T LET ANYONE TELL YOU WHO YOU ARE.  
YOU TELL THEM WHO YOU ARE."

*Listening and speaking builds our understanding and helps us to learn.*

*Language and story can be a source of creativity and joy.*



### GATHER MATERIALS

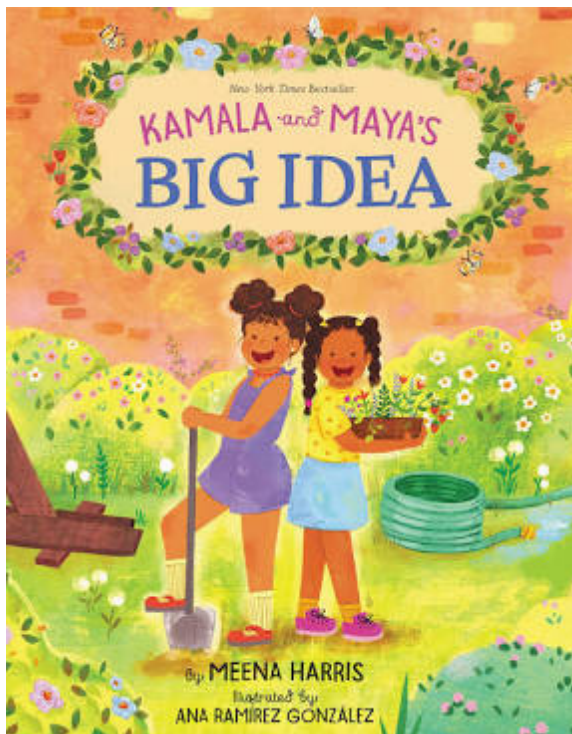
- Paper
- Writing and drawing tools

### LISTEN AND THINK

When a young girl sees a strong woman on TV labeled as "too assertive" and "too ambitious," it sends her on a journey of discovery through past, present, and future about the challenges faced by women and girls and the ways in which they can reframe, redefine, and reclaim words meant to knock them down. Read along with author Meena Harris as she reads her books:

- [Ambitious Girl](#)
- [Kamala and Maya's Big Idea](#)

"no one can do everything but everyone can do something"



### CREATE & SHARE

*Kamala and Maya's Big Idea* is based on a true story about Meena Harris' aunt, US Vice President Kamala Harris, and her mother, Maya Harris. Do you have a Big Idea like Maya and Kamala to create a new playground?

- Create your own plan and write a letter to your school principal persuading them to support your idea.
- Share with someone.

### GO BEYOND

In your Writers Notebook, add some of the vocabulary that you find interesting from Meena Harris' book *Ambitious Girl*.