

If you only have 15 minutes ...

Use the following questions to help you gain a fuller understanding of what it means for Ons Jabeur, the subject of our reading, to be a pioneer. Each question aligns with a row in the table below. Once you've filled in the chart, write a paragraph summarizing the issues of barriers and challenges Jabeur faced in being a pioneer.

1. What accomplishments make Jabeur a pioneer? In other words, what has she done that no one else has done before her?¹
2. Jabeur suggests that she is the first to knock down barriers that have prevented others at her level from achieving. Based on the article, what are some of those barriers?²
3. How was Jabeur able to break through those barriers? What helped her achieve her pioneering feats?³
4. What might be difficult for her being the first Arab woman to rank so high in the world of tennis?⁴
5. How might Jabeur's success change things for those who come after her?⁵

Questions	Answers:
Accomplishments	
Barriers	
Support	
Challenges of being a pioneer	
Impact	

Common Core Standard(s) Met:

CCRA.R.1 Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.

CCRA.R.2 Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

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- ¹ Possible answers may include the following: Ons Jabeur is the first to rank in the top 50 WTA Singles Ranking; first arab to reach Grand Slam quarter finals at Australian open; first Arab woman to win Jr. Grand Slam; first Arab woman to win a major WTA title.
- ² Geographic (had to travel to play, to find teachers).
- ³ Mother's encouragement; hard work; determination; practice; supportive husband.
- ⁴ Pressure to succeed from herself and on behalf of many others; loneliness; possible lack of support from others in the field.
- ⁵ Informs others of possibilities; serves as a role model; creates institutions to help others (e.g., tennis schools).