

Eleanor Roosevelt and Women's Rights

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I chose “Eleanor Roosevelt and Women’s Rights” as my topic because I have always admired what Eleanor Roosevelt and what she did to fight for women’s rights. She made many revolutionary achievements in her lifetime and I wanted to highlight one of her greatest accomplishments in my project. Roosevelt bravely spoke out about the injustice in her society and worked to change it.

While conducting my research, I found many of my sources through databases, magazines and newspapers, and libraries. These sources included articles, transcripts of interviews, and background information on Eleanor Roosevelt. I found several primary sources through archives and museum websites. I found an abundant collection of primary sources, including letters and photos, through a project devoted to Eleanor Roosevelt by a college. I found Eleanor’s autobiography, It's Up to the Women, at my local library which I read parts of to understand her opinions on woman’s independence.

To create my website, I wrote an outline on a Google Doc with all I was going to say in my website which I then copied and pasted directly into my website. I attended two website building seminars through National History Day and learned how to use the website builder. I organized everything onto my website, added pictures and decoration, and laid out everything properly.

Eleanor Roosevelt was one the most well known political advocates during the 1930s. It was a difficult time for women and many were unhappy with their limited rights and sought for change. Eleanor influenced many women to step up and join her in the fight for equal rights. She set a new standard of empowerment and encouragement of women to make themselves heard. Eleanor Roosevelt supported many women trying to get into politics, journalism, and much more. She was also a member of many associations working towards equal rights for women, these associations spoke publicly about changes they wished to see in society.

Eleanor Roosevelt is significant in history in that she redefined the role of First Lady by being more confident, speaking her mind, and involving herself in politics more than any First Lady in the past. She was one of the most influential advocates for women's rights during her time due to her effective methods of communication. Her popularity as wife of 32nd president Franklin Delano Roosevelt helped her messages to be heard and get across to more people of political power. Eleanor Roosevelt communicated directly to the public which was not common among political families, people admired her dedication to keeping the people informed and in mind. This made her methods of communication effective and her topics understood. This topic relates to this year's theme: "Communication in History; The Key to Understanding" because Eleanor Roosevelt used many forms of communication to make awareness of unequal rights for women.

