

Annie Oakley: The Woman Who Aimed at a Different Angle

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Individual Website

Junior Division

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Process Paper

How did I choose the topic?

Once I heard about this competition, I didn't have a strong idea of what to choose. I looked at several websites, hoping to get some sort of inspiration. Every time I wanted to choose a topic, I would find some or many problems working with it. Eventually, though, I went to a website about some people who had been considered to "break or create a frontier". When I looked at most of the things on the websites, I didn't have some sort of connection to them that would make this project easier than it was supposed to be until I found Annie Oakley. I decided to choose her, because I had some prior knowledge of who she is and what she does, also being more time efficient.

How did I conduct research?

When I found the topic, I looked for trustworthy sources that I can use for my topic. I start by looking at primary sources because this type of source is more descriptive and more historically accurate. If I find little to no primary sources that help with my website, I then search for secondary sources. I look for secondary sources by searching the web, looking for very reliable articles and websites, and I continue to look for things with .org for organizations, .edu for education, and .gov for government-related things. I also used a book about a bibliography about her life because it gives me a clearer understanding of how she lived and what she has done.

How did I choose the category and how did I create the project?

My category is a website, and the reason I chose this is that I am somewhat skilled with technology-related stuff. The first thing I did was to use the required NHD website creator, and then put up a reoccurring theme so that my website stays consistent. I then used website navigation and added some extra elements to my home page, so I could have something to duplicate. From there, I then used the blank slides and renamed them to their assigned topic, so I could eventually put down some text, and use sources to make every section different.

How does the topic relate to the theme?

This NHD topic is "frontiers," and I have an understanding of how Annie Oakley created/broke one. She made a frontier because she accomplished achievements that changed women's lives. Because she was born poor, Annie was at a rough start, but Annie adapted to being poor and found new ways to sustain her family. Another thing that she did was she knew the right thing to do once she had reached fame. Annie always chose the right decision, so Annie Oakley, to summarize, is an example of somebody who has broken a frontier.

Annotated Bibliography

Primary Sources

Newspaper Articles

"Royal Party Enjoying Themselves at the ' Wild West ' Show." *Western Times*. Published June 17, 1887, Publisher: *British Library Newspapers 2*. (accessed January 10, 2023).
<https://go.gale.com/ps/i.do?p=GDCS&u=webdemo&id=GALE|EN3220001978&v=2.1&it=r&sid=GDCS&asid=64f4526f>

This website shows a small snip of a newspaper article (Western Times), in which the royal family was impressed with the skill of Annie Oakley. Even though it doesn't feature her a lot, it gives the idea that she had been part of the show that the royal family enjoyed. I used this image to show some of the accomplishments that Annie Oakley has made throughout her life.

"Annie Oakley Stole to Buy Herself Cocaine." *The Evening Journal* (Wilmington, Delaware). Published August 12, 1903, Last Accessed January 10, 2023, https://www.newspapers.com/image/153977524/?fcfToken=eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJmcmVILXZpZXctaWQiOiE1Mzk3NzUyNCwiaWF0IjoxNjczMzY5MTkwLCJleHAiOiE2NzM0NTU1OTB9.43Y60ljZ8hvHR0vkqUjODLiuV2V4KG2u8EPf_RSrQWU.

This newspaper article shows the controversy that Annie Oakley stole a man's trousers to continue her cocaine addiction. It provides a further depth of what happened during that time, and what the people thought about it. I used this source to get more deep information on how the situation was, and what Annie did to prevent it.

"Hardships Marked Early Life of Annie Oakley." *The Richmond Item* (Richmond, Indiana),

Published November 19, 1926, Last accessed January 10, 2023, p.2.
<https://www.newspapers.com/clip/12302164/annie-oakley-from-the-story-of-my/>

This is another newspaper article that focuses on Annie Oakley. It shows what her life was, like and what she did during that time. I took a couple of quotes from this paper, and it was a good help finding out what she did during that period.

Video

Edison, Thomas A. (recorder), Gordon, Hendricks (Collection), Heise, William (camera), Oakley, Annie (performer), "Annie Oakley," Library of Congress. Published in the US: Edison Manufacturing Co., 1895. Areas 6-25 seconds. Last Accessed January 11, 2023.
<https://www.loc.gov/item/00694108/>

This is a video from the Library of Congress about Annie Oakley shooting targets and objects using her rifle. This video shows how skilled she was, and how she has excellent aim. I used this as a demonstration of how skilled she was with her gun.

Secondary Sources

Article

Anderson, Ashlee. "Annie Oakley." National Women's History Museum. Published September 25, 2018. Last accessed January 11, 2023,
<https://www.womenshistory.org/students-and-educators/biographies/annie-oakley>.

This article showed me the entire life of Annie Oakley and all of the major events that happened. It helped me grasp a better understanding of why she is so important. I haven't used this on my website, but I did gather information from it.

American Experience. "Biography: Lillian Smith." PBS, Unknown when last Modified,
Accessed January 11, 2023.

<https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/features/oakley-smith/>

This article also helped me understand another person, known to be Lillian Smith. She is one of the enemies of Annie Oakley, and also another female sharpshooter. I used this on how she dealt with the situation of her being caught or accused of cheating.

Kerns, Matthew "Any Oakley." *Dime Library*, Published Sep. 15, 2020, Last Accessed January 11, 2023. <https://www.dimelibrary.com/post/any-oakley>.

This time, this article also relates to a primary source earlier (the cocaine victim one). This website, though giving similar information as the last one, gave me new facts about what she did during that time. I used this source as information on how she dealt with that problem, too.

Mahesh, Logan T. "Annie Oakley: A Legend Who Taught Thousands of Women to Shoot." *Free Range American*. Published March 11, 2022, Last Accessed January 11, 2023.
<https://freerangeamerican.us/annie-oakley-legacy/>

This article shows some of the feats she has made throughout her life. It shows people like Sitting Bull and many other things that she has acquired as gifts. I used some of this information on the third to last slide, before these two.

Organization

Doesn't Show the Author, "Frequently Asked Questions About Annie Oakley." The Annie Oakley

Center Foundation, Inc. Last Modified at 2022 (month and day unknown), Last accessed January 11, 2023. <https://annieoakleycenterfoundation.com/index.html>

This organization shows some facts about Annie Oakley and some extra facts about her life. I used this to put down some information about her.

Book

Spinner, Stephanie (Author), Who HQ (Author), Day, Larry (Illustrator), "Who Was Annie Oakley?" 1st edition, Who Was Series, Penguin Workshop (Publisher), Published on February 18, 2022, Last Accessed January 11, 2023.

This book shows the entire timeline of Annie Oakley, including some unique details, such as some of the things she did when she was in an area. This book helped me get to know who she was, and has a recurring appearance in many of the sections of my website.
