

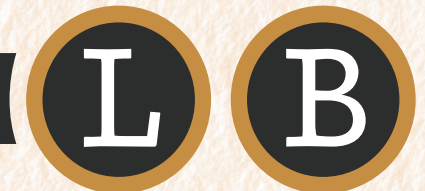
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Eleanor, Quiet No More

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Discussion Questions

1. What did Franklin love most about Eleanor? Provide examples from the story. Do you agree with him that “most people only pretend” to listen? How do you become a good listener?
2. In the story, what issue helped Eleanor find her voice? How did she organize women to help? Provide examples to support your answer. How do you think we can help soldiers today?
3. Which illustration is your favorite? How do the illustrations help the reader know about the time period? Why do you think Gary Kelley chose the colors he did?
4. What can you learn from reading about the life of Eleanor Roosevelt? What are the important details that we learn about her life in the story? Which quote in the book is your favorite? Why?

Across the Curriculum

Reading

What kind of person was Eleanor? Create a character web based on the life of Eleanor Roosevelt. Brainstorm a list of adjectives to describe Eleanor (for instance, brave) and then use examples from the book to support why you chose each adjective.

Writing

Choose your favorite Eleanor Roosevelt quotation from the book and write your opinion about the quote. What does the quotation make you think about? How does it make you feel? How can you apply what you’ve learned to your own life?

Mentor Text

Study how the author uses quotes from Eleanor to enhance the story. How can you add direct quotations to strengthen your own writing? Where can you find quotations for your next piece?

Math

Research the cost of living during the Great Depression and the cost of similar goods and services now. Find the average salary of Americans during each time period. Create an essay that compares the cost of living and the salaries of Americans then and now. Be sure to include a list of your sources.

Science/Health

President Franklin Roosevelt was stricken with polio, but today vaccines have nearly eradicated the disease. Research the history of polio by using books and websites. Present the facts and relevant details that you learned to a partner or small group in class.

Current Events

Research the New Deal using books and technology. Find out what kinds of projects FDR initiated to help fuel the economy. Compare them with solutions that were used by President George W. Bush and President Barack Obama. In what ways are they similar? In what ways are they different?



BIOGRAPHY PROJECT

Create a timeline to organize information on any person you study in a biography unit. As a class you might want to brainstorm the topics that are most important to find out about a person. Or you could create a web with information such as the person's name, early years, major accomplishments, education, sports and hobbies, etc.

Discussion Questions or Writing Prompts

If you are using the discussion questions below as writing prompts, be sure that students include the following: an introduction, multiple reasons that support the main idea or opinion, and a concluding statement.

1. Why do you think the author chose Eleanor Roosevelt to write about? Whom would you write about? Why?
2. What are the most important things that you learned about this person in the text? What will you remember about this individual a year from now? Five years from now?
3. Which biography is your favorite? Why? Explain your answer by using specific examples from your favorite text.

Research Assignment

Research the life of someone you think is important to know about. Write a newspaper article about that person and include an introduction, at least five important facts, and a conclusion. Share your article with a classmate and discuss why your selected person is important.

How do people find information to create biographies? Describe the process that the author uses to write each story. Use online sources and related informational texts to research the topic.

Great research is best done with primary sources rather than secondary ones. Primary sources are actual letters, notes, diaries, pictures, and other firsthand documentation of a person's life. As you research a famous person for a biography, be sure to list your sources and categorize them as primary or secondary.

Music

Research the type of music that was popular during your subject's life. What do you notice about the music's lyrics, instruments, beats and rhythms, and style? Create and record a song that you believe would have been popular during that time period.

Art

Create a piece of sculpture or collage that best represents the person you are studying. Use images that show important aspects of their life. Present your finished project to the class and use it to tell the story. Be sure to answer any questions that classmates ask about your work at the end of the presentation.



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About the book

As First Lady of the United States, Eleanor was often criticized for her beliefs. But she still spoke up, to change things that needed changing, and to help those who felt too vulnerable to speak for themselves. Doreen Rappaport lyrically combines poignant biographical details with Eleanor Roosevelt's words, while Gary Kelley's moving

illustrations re-create a true first in First Ladies—and the world she helped make better. The quotes in this book are taken from Eleanor Roosevelt's autobiographies, her letters to Franklin, speeches before various Democratic women's groups, her newspaper columns, and the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Praise for the book

★ "Once again Rappaport celebrates a noble, heroic life in powerful, succinct prose, with prominent, well-chosen, and judiciously placed quotes that both instruct and inspire."

—*School Library Journal*

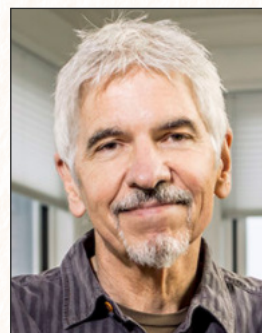


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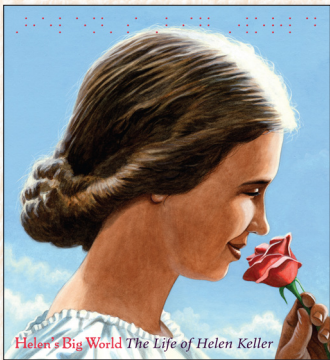
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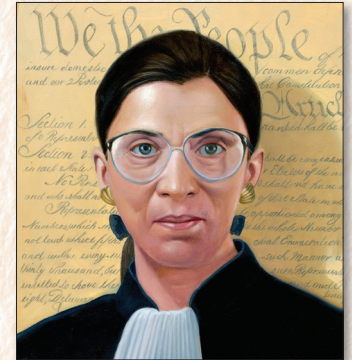
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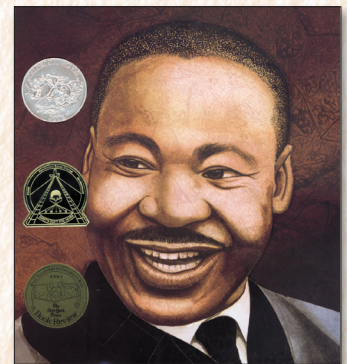
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