

Eleanor Roosevelt

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“It isn’t enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it. And it isn’t enough to believe in it. One must work at it.”

Eleanor Roosevelt was definitely an inspiring woman. I really like this quote because it is true. She wrote that if you want to change the fact that there isn’t much peace, you have to work at it. You can’t just sit around and talk about it. You also have to believe in the problem you are working on.

Eleanor Roosevelt was born in New York City, on October 11, 1884. Eleanor’s Father was Elliot Roosevelt, president Theodore Roosevelt’s younger brother, and her mother was Anna Hall Roosevelt. Her mother had two brothers, Elliott Roosevelt Jr.

(1889-1893) and Hall Roosevelt (1891-1941) who was born later. She also had a half brother who was Elliot Roosevelt Mann (died 1941), who was born to Katy Mann, a servant employed by the family. Eleanor was a member of a long time affluent New York family. She was the niece of the 26th president of the United States of America, Theodore Roosevelt, and 6th cousin of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the 32nd president of the United States of America, who became her husband. Her parents died when she was just a child. Eleanor Roosevelt also died on November 7th, 1962 in an apartment in New York City.



Eleanor attended Allenswood, a finishing school in London, England from 1899 to 1902. Besides that, she had very little education as a child and began school rather late. After noticing Eleanor at age seven was unable to read, two great Aunts started to teach her. Eleanor's mother later hired Fredric Roser to conduct school lessons for her daughter. Once she got old enough to attend Allenswood, she studied French, German, Italian, English Literature, composition, music, drawing, painting, and dance. All of Eleanor’s formal education started at Allenswood.

Eleanor Roosevelt was a champion for Human Rights. She was great at moving her husband toward peace and tolerance. She chaired the United Nations Commission on human rights, which was responsible for drafting the Universal Declaration of human rights. Eleanor was also an active member of the Women’s Suffrage Movement. She also supported the war effort by volunteering for the Red Cross.

Eleanor Roosevelt received forty-eight honorary degrees during her life time. Her first Doctor of Humane Letters on June 13th, 1962, was also the first degree received from what is now Clark Atlanta University in June 1962. Eleanor was also awarded one of the United Nations Human Rights Prizes. There was an unsuccessful campaign to award her a Noble Peace Prize; however a posthumous nomination has never been considered for the award. And those are just a few of all of the great awards that Eleanor Roosevelt received.

I chose Eleanor Roosevelt for this project because I have always been interested in her since I was little. I like the fact that she was a champion for human rights. I also think that it is amazing that she chaired for the United Nations Commission on human rights. Eleanor was an important and inspiring woman. I wish there were more people in the world like her.



