

# Jeannette Rankin

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“You can no more win a war than you can win an earthquake.”

Jeannette Rankin was a pacifist her entire life. She was born in Missoula, Montana on June 11, 1880. She died at 92 years old on May 18, 1973 in Carmel, California. Jeannette was the first of seven children of John Rankin, a rancher and lumber merchant, and Olive Pickering, a former school teacher who was originally from New England. Jeannette graduated from Montana State University in 1902, then went to New York School of Philanthropy.



After college, Jeannette went to Washington and became the first woman in the House of Representatives in the Republican Party. She voted against going to at least five wars and campaigned for universal suffrage and an end to child labor. She was never recognized in any way.

I chose to do my project on Jeannette Rankin because she was the first female member of Congress and the only woman to be elected to Congress from Montana. She didn't flow with the crowd when it came to war. Since she was a pacifist, she voted against going to war, even if she was the only one voting against it. She was always working towards peace.

