



ICONIC WOMEN IN LEGAL HISTORY

Viewing Guide for ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

About the Iconic Women in Legal History Project

Iconic Women In Legal History is designed to educate school students about iconic women in our nation's legal history who have promoted and protected civil rights, fought for equality, and ultimately shaped our present culture.

Today women enjoy equal legal access to health care, education, civic participation, and economic justice as a result of generations of advocacy on behalf of women.

The project focuses on telling the stories of iconic women who are often overlooked or left out of mainstream textbooks, featuring videos and interviews with historians, legal scholars, relatives, and even the iconic women themselves.

Setting the Stage

1. Name some iconic women who have influenced you? Why do they stand are they so important to you?
2. What women do you remember reading about in history classes at school? Why did those women "make the cut"?
3. Do you feel like some women get overlooked by history? Why or why not?

Specific Discussion Questions – Eleanor Roosevelt

1. Why was Eleanor Roosevelt "iconic"?
2. What was her early life like?
3. What was some of memorable incidents that happened in her life?
4. What hardships did she experience?
5. What successes did she experience?
6. Why was Eleanor so passionate about her human rights campaigns and humanitarian efforts?
7. What are some ways Eleanor fought for equality for women?
8. What was she able to accomplish?
9. What are some of the lessons you learned from hearing her story?

Additional Resources Available on this Iconic Woman

- <https://www.whitehouse.gov/about-the-white-house/first-families/anna-eleanor-roosevelt/>
- <http://www.firstladies.org/biographies/firstladies.aspx?biography=33>
- *The Autobiography of Eleanor Roosevelt*
By: Eleanor Roosevelt