



"NO ONE CAN MAKE YOU FREL INFERIOR WITHOUT YOUR CONSENT."

-ELEANOR ROOSEVELT © Pinto Glow 2019



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#### **Before She Became the First Lady**

Eleanor Roosevelt was born in 1884 in New York City. Her mother died when she was around 8 years old. Her father passed away two vears later. Eleanor was sent to live with her grandmother. Later, she went her to boarding school in England. Her family was wealthy, so Eleanor was taken care of. When she was an adult she moved to New York. There she became a leader for women's rights. She married Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1095. In 1921, her husband contracted polio. At that time, polio was a disease with no cure. Franklin wanted to work in government, but the disease made it hard. Eleanor helped him by joining important groups for women's rights. She helped her husband to look good in the public eye.





#### **Married to the President**

Mr. Roosevelt was elected President. Eleanor pushed her husband to hire more women in government. This was not normal at the time. She asked female reporters to come to the White House. She wanted women to have more power.

She wrote for a daily newspaper. This had never been done by a First Lady. In her articles she wrote that the laws were unfair. The laws hurt Black Americans and women. Eleanor believed that all people should be treated the same.

### **Eleanor Breaks Tradition**

Her ideas about Black Americans and white women made some men angry. These men thought that the job of the First Lady should be simple. First Ladies should be a quiet and stand beside the President. Eleanor completely changed the job of the First Lady.



She even invited hundreds of African-Americans to the White House! This had never been done before. She wanted to show Americans that everyone is created equal and deserves the same rights.



### Why We Remember HER-Story

As First Lady, Eleanor was told to act a certain way. She risked people hating her so that she could use her power to help others. As a wealthy woman, it would have been easy for her to live a comfortable life. She didn't have to work. She chose to work hard. She chose to use her voice to help millions of Americans across the country.

First Ladies now use their voices to help those in need as well. Eleanor changed what a First Lady should do. This helped Americans see that women could take on more responsibility and should be given more opportunities.

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- a. Married to the President
- b. Why we remember Her-story
- c. Before She Became the First Lady
- d. Eleanor Breaks Tradition

2. Which of the following can the reader infer from the section, "Eleanor Breaks Tradition."

- a. She was worried that people would be mad at her for inviting African-Americans to the White House.
- b. She invited African-Americans to the White House because she wanted to have a big party.
- c. She and her husband probably argued a lot.
- d. She didn't worry what people thought, she always did what she thought was right.
- 3. What is the main idea of the article?
- a. As First Lady, she tried to change the lives of women and African-Americans in America.
- b. She was married to an important President.
- c. She wanted women to have the right to vote.
- d. She volunteered for many organizations in New York City.

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- a. Hired
- b. Contained
- c. Fought
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### 5. Fill in the cause and effect graphic organizer below:



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Which of the following would complete this graphic?

- a. More women were hired as teachers.
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I. HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE ELEANOR'S EARLY LIFE?

2. WHY DO YOU THINK SHE VOLUNTEERED TO WORK FOR MANY ORGANIZATIONS?

3. DO YOU THINK SHE ENJOYED BEING FIRST LADY? WHY OR WHY NOT?

4. WHAT DO YOU THINK WE SHOULD REMEMBER MOST ABOUT ELEANOR ROOSEVELT?

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5. WHAT LESSON CAN WE LEARN FROM HER AMAZING LIFE?





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