



# Eleanor Roosevelt

## • Reading Comprehension •

### Activity

# 1

### Stop and Think

Read the paragraphs.  
Stop and think as you read.

Eleanor begins to speak about her beliefs.  
At first, she is afraid of public speaking.  
In time, she gets over her fear.

**Stop and think:** Have you ever been afraid to speak to someone, for example, a doctor?  
Describe your experience.

She becomes well known. She speaks on the radio.  
She writes for the newspaper. “You must do the things you think you cannot do,” says Eleanor.

**Stop and think:** What does Eleanor’s advice tell you about her character?

Many people agree with Eleanor’s beliefs.  
Others do not. Some call her “The Gab.”  
Some people think she should stay home and knit.

**Stop and think:** Imagine you are Eleanor.  
How do you feel about what people say about you?

Good readers are active readers.  
Good readers stop and think about what they are reading. Active reading helps readers understand the ideas.



## Activity 2 Main Idea and Details



Good readers can find the main idea and details.

The main idea is the important idea. The details support the main idea.

The details help you understand and remember the main idea.

Read the details.

Circle the correct main idea.

The first one is an example.

Details	Main Idea
Eleanor thinks her mother does not like her. Eleanor thinks she is ugly. Eleanor does not know her inner beauty attracts others.	(a) Eleanor does not believe in herself. (b) Eleanor is not beautiful.
Eleanor's husband has an affair. Eleanor's parents die when she is young. One of Eleanor's children dies.	1 (a) Eleanor is not a happy person. (b) Eleanor suffers sad times.
Eleanor works for civil rights. Eleanor works for the Red Cross. Eleanor works with the United Nations.	2 (a) Eleanor helps many people. (b) Eleanor helps people around the world.

## Activity 3 Invisible Messages



Writers do not always explain everything.

Sometimes, writers expect readers to read between the lines. Writers expect readers to figure out the invisible messages.

Read the writer's words.

Figure out the invisible message.

The writer's words	The invisible message
Most rich women will not even enter the slums.	<i>Rich women are afraid to enter the slums. Rich women do not care about the slums. Eleanor is different from other rich women.</i>
1. Eleanor's father is the centre of her world.	
2. Eleanor does her work with a "smile that never tires."	

## Activity 4 Fact and Opinion



Read the sentences.

Write (F) for fact or (O) for opinion.

- Eleanor talks too much. \_\_\_\_  
Eleanor speaks about her beliefs. \_\_\_\_
- Eleanor should not stay with her husband after the affair. \_\_\_\_  
Eleanor offers to divorce her husband. \_\_\_\_
- Eleanor dies on November 7, 1962. \_\_\_\_  
November 7, 1962 is a sad day for the world. \_\_\_\_

Good readers know the difference between facts and opinions.

Facts can be proven.

Opinions are personal beliefs.

## Activity 5 The Table of Contents



Read each question.

Look at the Contents page in your book.

Which chapter has the answer to the question?

Write the name of the chapter.

Find the answer to the question. Write the answer.

Good readers use the Table of Contents.

The Table of Contents helps readers find information quickly.

Question	Chapter	Answer
When is Eleanor born?	Early Years	1884
1. Who is Eleanor's husband?		
2. Why does Eleanor become an activist?		
3. What kinds of rights does Eleanor believe in?		

# Activity 6 Make a Connection

Read the idea from the story.  
Make a connection to your life.

## Idea

High society plans dances and parties for young women. They meet young men. They are expected to find husbands. Eleanor still questions her looks. She does not know that her inner beauty attracts others.



## Your Life

Think of beautiful people you know.  
What physical features make them beautiful?

Where do ideas about physical beauty come from?

Should people worry about how they look?

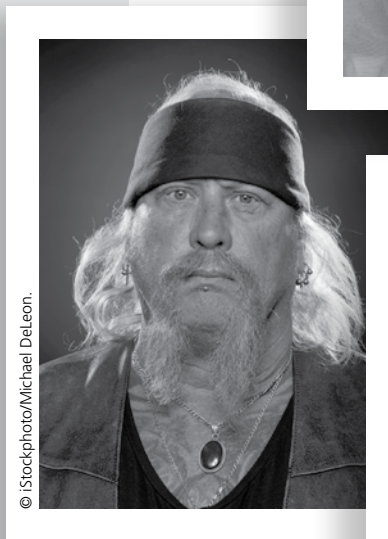
Why or why not?

What does society value more?  
physical beauty?  
inner beauty?

Give reasons for your opinion.

Reading is more than understanding the ideas on a page.

Good readers connect the ideas to their lives.



# • Writing •

## Activity 1 Write Your Ideas

Complete these paragraphs about beauty.  
Use your ideas from page 38.

Your instructor will help you with spelling.

### Paragraph 1

We think people are physically beautiful if they

\_\_\_\_\_.

We also think they are beautiful if they \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

### Paragraph 2

Inner beauty means a person \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_. It also means the person

\_\_\_\_\_.

I believe that \_\_\_\_\_ beauty is \_\_\_\_\_

than \_\_\_\_\_ beauty.

Read each paragraph out loud.

Which paragraph do you like better?

Copy the paragraph on the lines.

Check for capital letters and end punctuation.

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Good writers know that writing is a process.

Good writers think of ideas before they write.

Good writers check their writing.



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**Activity**

**2**

**Organize Ideas**



Read the details for the idea map.

Are the details about Eleanor’s life at home?  
Or are the details about Eleanor’s life  
outside the home? Or both?

Copy the details into the correct box.  
The first one is an example.

Good writers know that writing is a process.  
Good writers organize their ideas before they write.  
One way to organize ideas is to use comparison and contrast.

**Idea Map**

**Details**

works in slums ✓	is kind and helpful	has cooks and maid
helps immigrants	world is filled with comfort	has an inner beauty
world is safe	visits soldiers in the hospital	goes to parties and dances



**Different**

**Same**

**Different**

works in slums

Choose details from the idea map to complete the paragraphs.

Copy the details into the paragraphs.

**Paragraph 1**

Eleanor's life at home is very different from her life outside the home.  
At home, Eleanor's world is safe and \_\_\_\_\_ .  
She \_\_\_\_\_ to help her. She \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ .

**Paragraph 2**

Outside the home, Eleanor works \_\_\_\_\_. She \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Paragraph 3**

At home or outside the home, Eleanor is always \_\_\_\_\_ .  
She \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Activity 3** Use Capital Letters and Punctuation 

Read these sentences.  
Add capital letters and end punctuation.

1. eleanor goes to a girls' school in england
2. she returns to new york
3. eleanor marries franklin roosevelt
4. she works for civil rights in the u.s.
5. franklin roosevelt dies on april 12, 1945
6. winston churchill goes to franklin's funeral
7. eleanor dies on november 7, 1962

**In this activity...**

**use capital letters**  
at the beginning of a sentence,  
with names of people and places, and  
with dates.

**use punctuation**  
at the end of a sentence.



# • Word Attack Skills •

## Activity

# 1

### Predict the Word



Complete each sentence.

Use the pictures to predict the word.



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1. This is the home of the U.S.

\_\_\_\_\_ .



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3. Eleanor goes to many \_\_\_\_\_  
to visit soldiers.



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2. Eleanor wears a \_\_\_\_\_ ball gown.

Complete each sentence.

Use meaning clues to predict the word.

4. Eleanor helps people in many countries. She \_\_\_\_\_ around the world.

5. Eleanor works in the slums. She \_\_\_\_\_ children to dance.

6. Eleanor's husband loves another woman. Eleanor offers to \_\_\_\_\_ him.



## Activity 2 Find Common Patterns

Look at each word in the box.  
Each word has a common pattern.  
Write the word under the correct pattern.

*shock* ✓    *chance*    *prance*    *weak*  
*dance*    *block*    *clock*    *peak*  
*speak*    *rock*    *sneak*    *romance*

Good readers look for common patterns in words.  
This is another way to decode words.

**ock**

**ance**

**eak**

*shock*

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Read the sentences in the box.  
Circle the words that have one of these patterns:

**ock    ance    eak**

Many words have common patterns.  
The patterns look and sound the same.

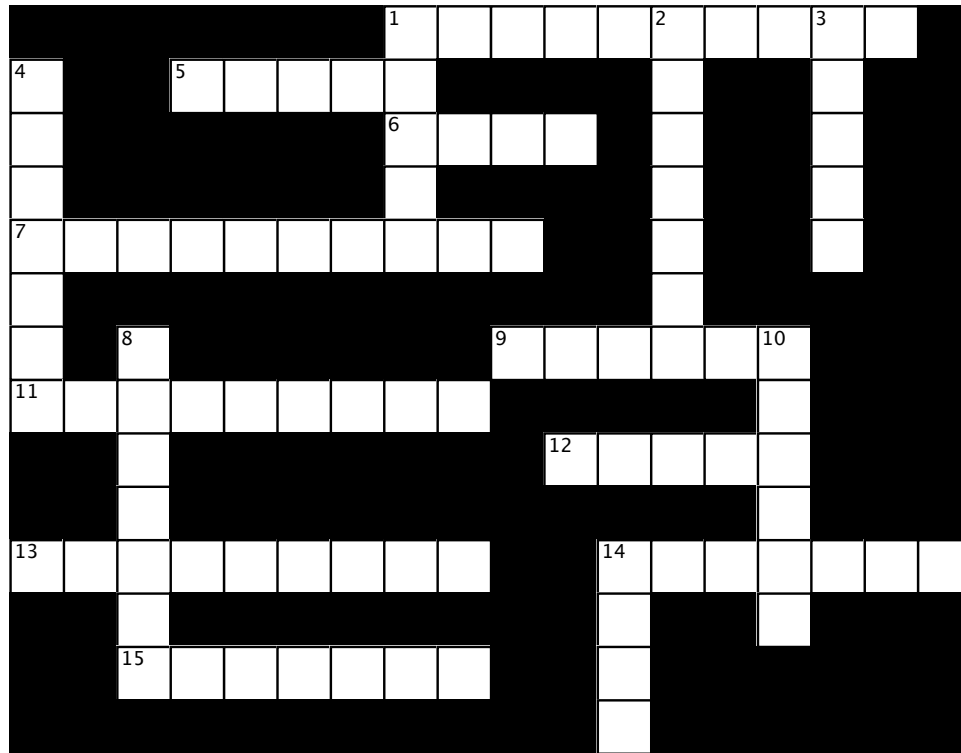
### Find the Common Patterns



1. Everyone is shocked when Eleanor sits with black people.
2. Nothing blocks Eleanor from helping people.
3. High society plans dances for young women and men.
4. Young women and men have a chance for romance.
5. Eleanor speaks on the radio.
6. Eleanor is not a weak woman.

# • Crossword •

## Eleanor Roosevelt



### Crossword Clues

All the answers to the clues are from Eleanor Roosevelt's biography.

#### ACROSS

1. the president of the U.S. lives here  
(2 words)
5. we listen to this for news and music
6. person who cleans homes for money
7. people who come to live in your country
9. opposite of private
11. we get this at school
12. not fancy (rhymes with rain)
13. very pretty
14. we can borrow books from this place
15. a marriage ends with this

#### DOWN

1. the plural of woman
2. someone who helps a lot is \_\_\_\_\_
3. very poor areas in a city  
(rhymes with gums)
4. think something is true
8. a wife's partner
10. middle
14. opposite of a win

# Eleanor Roosevelt



1. **Main Idea and Details:** (1) b (2) b
2. **Invisible Messages\*:** (1) Eleanor loves her father very much. Eleanor loves her father more than she loves anyone else. (2) Eleanor loves her work. She believes in her work. She is a good person.
3. **Fact and Opinion:** (1) O/F (2) O/F (3) F/O
4. **Table of Contents:** (1) Eleanor and Franklin / Franklin Roosevelt; the President of the U.S. (2) Eleanor Becomes an Activist / Eleanor wants to be more than a wife and mother; she wants to make life better for others (3) Eleanor's Beliefs / civil, women's, and workers' rights
5. **Organize Ideas: Idea Map: Different:** world is safe / world is filled with comfort / has cooks and maids / goes to parties and dances **Same:** is kind and helpful / has an inner beauty **Different:** works in slums / helps immigrants / visits soldiers in the hospital **Paragraph 1:** filled with comfort / has cooks and maids / goes to parties and dances **Paragraph 2:** in slums / helps immigrants / visits soldiers in the hospital **Paragraph 3:** kind and helpful / has an inner beauty
6. **Use Capital Letters and Punctuation:** (1) Eleanor goes to a girls' school in England. (2) She returns to New York. (3) Eleanor marries Franklin Roosevelt. (4) She works for civil rights in the U.S. (5) Franklin Roosevelt dies on April 12, 1945. (6) Winston Churchill goes to Franklin's funeral. (7) Eleanor dies on November 7, 1962.
7. **Predict the Word\*:** (1) president (2) beautiful; fancy; expensive; silk (3) hospitals (4) travels; goes (5) beautiful; attractive (6) divorce; leave
8. **Find Common Patterns:** (1) shocked (2) blocks (3) dances (4) chance / romance (5) speaks (6) weak

\*Accept any answer that makes sense.

## Crossword Solution

