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ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

A person who is often mentioned as someone who helped the poor and those in need is Eleanor Roosevelt. It has been said that Eleanor was as kind a woman as she was strong. Born in New York City, Eleanor was sent to England for school. When she came back to the United States, she started doing social work to help the poor. Throughout her life she always found ways to keep helping the poor.

Eleanor married her cousin Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1906. Together, they raised six children. Franklin came down with the illness polio in 1921. By this time, he was active in politics. He felt that because of his illness, he should step down. But Eleanor encouraged him to keep trying. He was elected governor of New York seven years later.

In 1932, Eleanor went across the country with Franklin as he ran for president of the United States. By the time he was elected, the country was in the middle of a depression. Once again, Eleanor worked hard to help the hungry and jobless people. During WWII, Eleanor helped the troops. Later, she was named a delegate to the United Nations. She spent the rest of her life aiding and helping those in need.

STORY QUESTIONS

- Where do you find out about Eleanor's work during World War II?
 - end of the first paragraph
 - in the second paragraph
 - end of the third paragraph
 - beginning of the third paragraph
- The author probably wrote this passage to . . .
 - inform the reader of President Roosevelt's time as president.
 - inform the reader about Eleanor's time as first lady.
 - portray Eleanor's support of Franklin D. Roosevelt.
 - portray Eleanor's commitment to helping and serving others throughout her life.
- What does the phrase "active in politics" mean?
 - taking part in government
 - finishing a term in politics
 - president of a political party
 - loves to discuss politics
- Which of the following statements is not a fact about Eleanor Roosevelt?
 - Eleanor was supportive of her husband's service to the country.
 - Eleanor's background was similar to the disadvantaged people she helped.
 - Eleanor was caring for the jobless and poor throughout her life.