

AMERICA THE GREATEST®

America is the greatest nation in the world because she has allowed her citizens the opportunity to develop their "Potential for Greatness." Citizens such as
ELEANOR ROOSEVELT.

Born: October 11, 1884 (Libra),
the oldest of three children in
New York City.

Died: November 7, 1962.

Father: Elliot Roosevelt.

Mother: Anna (Hall) Roosevelt.

Education: Allenswood School (a private
girl's school in England).

Accomplishment: Writer, humanitarian,
First Lady.



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Eleanor Roosevelt was born into a wealthy family and raised amid affluence. Her father was a sportsman and big game hunter; her mother was a renowned beauty of her day. When she was eight, her mother died, and Eleanor went to live with Mrs. Valentine G. Hall, her maternal grandmother. Since there were no children to play with at her grandmother's, Eleanor became an avid reader. She did not go to school, but was educated by private tutors. At fifteen, she began to vacation at her Uncle Theodore's, President of the United States Oyster Bay estate. Shy and awkward, she spent much time during dances as a wallflower. It was at Oyster Bay that she became close with her fifth cousin, Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Eleanor then went to school in Allenswood, England, from age fifteen to eighteen. She returned to the United States, lived with her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Parish, Jr., and was presented to society. She began teaching at the Rivington Street Settlement House. Her romance with Franklin Delano Roosevelt grew and on March 17, 1905, they were married. President Theodore Roosevelt gave the bride away.

Future president Franklin Delano Roosevelt was a student at Columbia University School of Law. Eleanor and Franklin were happy together; FDR's career flourished and their family grew (Eleanor had six children).

In 1921, tragedy struck; while vacationing abroad at Campobello, Franklin was stricken with polio and virtually lost the use of his legs. Eleanor now became his staunch ally, and more than compensated for his handicap. She became a superb campaigner and political organizer, and was largely responsible for his becoming New York Governor in 1928, and being inaugurated President of the United States on March 4, 1933.

In 1936, Eleanor began writing a syndicated newspaper column, "My Day," donating the profits to charity. Her support for humanitarian causes and her commitment to racial equality made Eleanor Roosevelt truly great. From 1946-1951, she served as Chairman of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights.

A nation is as great as the sum total of the greatness of its individuals. America offers her people more opportunity to develop their "Potential for Greatness" than any other nation on earth. I challenge you to develop yours!

Today we honor ELEANOR ROOSEVELT. Tomorrow could we honor you?

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