The Many Faces of Eleanor Roosevelt

Week 1: Family tree, childhood and schooling

Week 2: Courtship and marriage to Franklin (and Sara) Roosevelt

Week 3: Infidelity, Polio, Franklin as Governor and Run for President

Weeks 4 and 5: First Lady, The New Deal and War Years and her newspaper columns and letters

Week 6: Val-Kill, Lorena Hickok and friendships “Affairs of the heart” for both Eleanor and Franklin

Week 7: Franklin’s death and forming her own legacy away from the White House

Week 8: United Nations and Universal Declaration of Human Rights Her children and challenges in later life

Because this class is more about the woman Eleanor was and what made her great, I am using a variety of sources. We will have YouTube videos, and I will use multiple sources. I recommend you read from various sources.

I am reading and/or recommending the following:

Franklin and Eleanor: An Extraordinary Marriage by Hazel Rowley

Our Eleanor: A Scrapbook Look at Eleanor Roosevelt’s Remarkable Life by Candace Fleming

Eleanor Roosevelt—The Biography by University Press Biographies (quick Kindle read—48 pgs.)

The Roosevelts and the Royals: Franklin and Eleanor, the King and Queen of England, and the Friendship That Changed History by Will Swift

It Seems to Me: Selected Letters of Eleanor Roosevelt by Leonard Schlup

My Days: The Best of Eleanor Roosevelt’s acclaimed newspaper columns 1936-1962

Empty Without You: The Intimate Letters Of Eleanor Roosevelt And Lorena Hickok by Rodger Streitmatter

Eleanor and Hick: The Love Affair that shaped a First Lady by Susan Quinn

Mother and Daughter: The Letters of Eleanor and Anna Roosevelt by Bernard Asbell

Eleanor Roosevelt In Her Words edited by Nancy Wolach

Grandmere by David B. Roosevelt

These are all available in used form from Amazon or bookfinder.com at good prices. Feel free to read any information about Eleanor and bring it to class to share.