

Monument to Eleanor Roosevelt
by Mrs. Brownlee

Eleanor Roosevelt is important because she was married to a president. I designed a sculpture of helping hands to show she liked to help people. The sculpture would be made of copper so it would stand out. The sculpture would be located in a city park so anybody could come look at it. A flag would be flown at the monument to show she was once married to a President. She was important because she was helpful. She wrote books and gave speeches, so I would include those and plant some flowers because girls like flowers.



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Eleanor Roosevelt is an influential person for many reasons. She was married to U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt. As First Lady, she had many opportunities to make a difference in the lives of Americans. Eleanor was a pioneer of sorts. When she came to the White House, it was the first time the wife of a president had taken such an active role in politics. She paved the way for women and other First Ladies who came after her. Because of her many contributions to American society, I have designed a monument to honor her.

Since Eleanor made big contributions to society that have had a lasting impact, I wanted to design a monument that was large and would last a long time, so I chose an outdoor sculpture. I thought about making it a statue of Eleanor herself, but she was known as not being very pretty, so I wanted to choose something else. I thought about how Eleanor was always helping people, especially women and poor people, and came up with the idea of helping hands. I would make the sculpture large, at least 8 feet tall, to symbolize the fact that her influence on America was large. I would make it out of copper because the color would make it stand out, and it would last a long time even being outside in all kinds of weather.

I would build the sculpture in the city park in Hyde Park, New York, because that is where Franklin and Eleanor lived. Their home is a tourist attraction, but I would put my sculpture in the park because Eleanor was concerned about common people and poor people, so a public area seemed like a better place to honor her than a big, fancy house.

Other features or symbols

- *Red flowers planted around sculpture* - show she was beautiful on the inside even if she wasn't pretty; red shows she was bold and wasn't afraid to be different and stand out
- *American flag* - shows she was a First Lady and loved America
- *engraved writing* - show some of her important ideas from books and magazine columns she wrote
- *sound/listening feature* - push a button to hear some of the speeches she gave
- *United Nations logo* - to show her work in the United Nations, including working on the Declaration of Human Rights

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Location: City Park in Hyde Park, NY

Red flowers would be all around in a big circle. An American flag would be flying.



FRONT OF MONUMENT: Helping Hands Sculpture -- 8 feet high

United Nations logo



BACK OF MONUMENT:

Some of Eleanor's important ideas from her writings would be engraved here.

The United Nations logo would be here with a description of her work.

Here would be a listening center where you could push buttons and hear parts of some of her speeches.