

Bookfolio for Eleanor Roosevelt: First Lady of the World

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Recommended for: [Grades 3-5](#)

Classification: Nonfiction

Genre: [Biography](#)

Story Summary: A shy and awkward child, young Eleanor Roosevelt had a compassionate and generous spirit. Years later, when her husband was Governor of New York, the Great Depression struck America. Eleanor was sensitive to people's hardships. She helped those who came to her by finding jobs and offering free meals at her house. Franklin Roosevelt ran for President to try to end the worsening depression. When elected, he asked his wife to be his "eyes and ears -- and especially his legs" in obtaining first-hand information about conditions throughout the country. Touched by the plight of those struck by poverty, Eleanor shared her observations and ideas with Franklin and did everything she could to help those in need. After twelve years as First Lady, Eleanor worked to promote world peace as a delegate to the United Nations.

Read-aloud Recommendation: Chapter 6 "The White House," pages 49-56.

**The skills for each activity are identified by the following abbreviations:
R=Reading, W=Writing, S=Speaking, L=Listening, D=Drawing**

Eleanor Roosevelt: First Lady of the World - Independent Activities	Skills
1. The Author's First Step (Noting author's sources of information)	R , S , W
2. Eleanor's Personality (Identifying character traits)	D , R , W
3. Dear Franklin (Writing a letter)	S , W
4. A Busy Life (Making a time line)	D , R
5. If I Were First Lady (Assuming another role)	S , W
6. Uncle Ted (Writing a report)	R , W
Eleanor Roosevelt: First Lady of the World - Group Activities	Skills
1. From FDR's Biographies (Comparing biographies)	R , S
2. Other First Ladies (Researching a topic)	R , S
3. Two Influential Women (Comparing two people)	R , S
4. The Declaration of Human Rights (Making a poster)	R , W
5. The Lady in the Harbor (Researching a topic)	D , R
6. "Let's Talk About..." (Discussing the story)	L , S

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