

Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Sites



What are Human Rights?

5th Grade ELA Core Curriculum-based Program

**What are human rights?
Why do we have them and
how are they protected?**



BUILDING BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Our NEW 5th grade program “What are Human Rights?” at Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site (Val-Kill) immerses students in Eleanor Roosevelt’s Legacy and her work with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Learning about Eleanor Roosevelt allows children to explore the story behind the UDHR. Eleanor and Val-kill bring the UDHR to life and thus naturally builds upon their curiosity and love of the human story. The program will begin with the viewing of the film “Close to Home” an overview of Eleanor Roosevelt’s life, highlighting her work with social justice, racial equality, and her work as a world leader in human rights. Students will take a tour of her home, a grounds tour, and participate in a hands-on activity where they will be asked to use critical thinking skills to build knowledge about human rights through comparing and contrasting primary documents (UDHR and MY Day column). Students will work in small groups to determine the themes and understanding of the historical UDHR document, and discover how it is a living document.

This National Park Service Program Supports:

NYS Grade 5 ELA Module 1 Unit 1.

NYS SS: S1, K1,2,3,4 S2, K3 S5 K1,3



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