Audrey Hepburn: From Actress to World Leader

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Process Paper

In order to choose my topic for this year’s NHD theme of Leadership and Legacy in History, I researched the most significant women of the 20th century. The reason why I wanted to do my project specifically on a woman is due to the lack of representation of women’s leadership in society. After looking through multiple potential candidates, I narrowed down my topic to the infamous Audrey Hepburn. I chose to do my NHD project on Audrey Hepburn because I learned new things about her while conducting research. For instance, previous to my research, I assumed that Audrey Hepburn was just an actress; however, she was also a special ambassador for UNICEF. Her acts of leadership with UNICEF inspired me to continue into background research and then choose her for my NHD topic.

Next, I had to conduct additional background research to gain a grasp of my topic. Most of my research was found online, due to the handiness of the diverse information found on the Internet. I visited the official UNICEF website to gain as much information on the projects Audrey Hepburn conducted while she was an ambassador. Additionally, I visited my local library and read biographies on Audrey Hepburn and her achievements during her lifetime. Moreover, my primary sources consisted of mainly speeches, letters, and newspapers. As I read and listened to Hepburn’s speeches, I felt the need to add her inspirational speeches into my project.

Then, I had to decide which format would be best to present my topic. After reading through the descriptions of each category on the NHD official rule book, I decided that I would present my project in the form of a website. The website allowed me to incorporate many types of multimedia in order to enhance my project. In addition, the website format allows me to add pictures and documents to support my thesis and increase the attractiveness of my project. I envisioned my final website to have a neat layout and various types of multimedia to support my thesis. The organization of the website was easy to understand and flowed with the information given. Additionally, the ability to add buttons to switch to a certain page makes it much easier for the viewer to understand the format.

The NHD Theme of 2015 was Leadership and Legacy in History. Audrey Hepburn was a great example of Leadership and Legacy in the 20th century. As the special ambassador of UNICEF, she promoted child welfare by raising awareness of child abuse and poverty worldwide. Audrey Hepburn made many trips around the world in order to help children in need. She helped restore sanitation and water sources in small villages. Therefore, Audrey Hepburn had a positive influence on society through her efforts as an UNICEF Ambassador. In her position she promoted child welfareby delivering speeches, raising money to donate to underdeveloped countries, and visited third world countries in order to help children in need**.**

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