

Famous Peace Makers

Month: Mar.

Week #: 25

Day: e. Fri. Time: 30 minutes

Jane Addams

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Objectives/Aims

The students will: recognize the character traits of Jane Addams; recognize how her contributions benefited children.

Materials

computer, computer projector

Photograph

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Background

Jane Addams' good work both directly and indirectly benefited children. Directly she benefited children through Hull House, a settlement house that helped poor immigrants. Here she provided and advocated for day care, playgrounds, kindergartens and child labor laws. Indirectly, she supported the immigrant children's families by providing English classes, factory worker safety and other helpful services.

Additional information on Jane Addams is contained in the web site that is used in this lesson.

Group Activity

1. Go to the Library of Congress' web site: <http://www.americaslibrary.gov/cgi-bin/page.cgi/aa/activists/addams>. Open this web page and read the background information about Jane Addams.

2. In succession, read the stories "The Good Work of Jane Addams", "Opportunities at Hull House" and "Jane Addams the Peacemaker". Answer and discuss the concluding question on each page.

Group Discussion Questions

1. What do you admire about Jane Addams?

A: Answers will vary.

2. What did she do to help children?

A: Directly provided or advocated day care, playgrounds, kindergartens, child labor laws, etc.

Conclusion

The first American woman to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1931, Jane Addams demonstrated through her life works a true compassion for her fellow human beings. It is no wonder that the reporters of her time considered her to be the first saint that America had ever produced.

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