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Group Website

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500 Words in Process Paper

Both of us are interested in the medical field and wanted a topic that showed a barrier that was broken and made a big impact. While exploring and researching topic ideas, we came across Elizabeth Blackwell. The article immediately grabbed our attention and inspired us that anything is possible. We wanted to learn more about Elizabeth Blackwell and how she took a big step in the medical world. While researching we learned that it was very difficult for Blackwell to become a doctor. She pursued her dreams and didn't give up because if she didn't have the guts to become a doctor then other women wouldn't have the confidence to do it themselves. Blackwell is an inspiring role model for women around the world who are currently in the medical field or wanting to be. Blackwell definitely changed the medical world for the better.

We conducted my research by looking up information on Elizabeth Blackwell and familiarizing ourselves with information on her. Once we had a basic understanding of what she did, we were able to find books, newspapers, images, and take notes on what barriers Elizabeth overcame and the accomplishments she made throughout her life. We also found a lot of quotes throughout our research which are important because they actually came from Elizabeth Blackwell. We think words are more meaningful coming from her than somebody who is talking about her. We took all of the information that we gathered and put it into five sections of a document based on when the event happened. This way it was easy for us to put our project together because the information was already sorted. Our favorite book was, *Elizabeth Blackwell First Woman Physician*, because it not only talked about Elizabeth Blackwell and her life, but the outside world as well.

We decided to create a website because we are good with technology and enjoy making projects online. The website program was hard to use at first, but after playing around with the

tools, we were able to create a website that would best display our information, quotes, images, and documents. We found it was easiest to get all of our information, images, and quotes on each section of the website and then come back later to configure the page and adjust colors.

Our topic relates to the breaking barriers theme because Elizabeth Blackwell became the first female doctor and broke the gender barrier in the medical field. Blackwell was accepted to go to medical school because the males in her class took a vote and said she could come to school as a joke because they never believed a female could become a doctor. Society believed that women couldn't become doctors because they weren't physically or mentally able to do the same tasks as men. Blackwell decided to prove all of these people wrong by showing them that a woman can get an education and become a doctor if they stay true to themselves.