

Journal Handout

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In 1946, after the death and destruction of World War II and the Holocaust, Eleanor Roosevelt explained what she believed needed to happen to create a better world:

I have the feeling that we let our consciences realize too late and the need of standing up against something that we knew was wrong. We have therefore to avenge it—but we did nothing to prevent it. I hope that in the future, we are going to remember that there can be no compromise at any point with things that we know are wrong.

Eleanor blamed what occurred in the Nazi era on those who compromised by failing to stand up for what was right rather than just go along.

Journal Prompt: *Are there individuals in your experience at school, home, community, who you find are standing up against an injustice or wrongdoing? What gives these individuals the strength to be Upstanders? Do you consider them courageous? Explain your response.*