

The “Gallopig Granny” Mavis Hutchison Breaking Barriers in Women's History

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1. How did I choose my topic?

I chose my topic for a few different reasons. First of all I really wanted to focus my topic on women successes. I came across Mavis Hutchison and really thought she was inspirational and her story needed to be told. I then decided to continue with my research thinking about all of her adventures and what it must have felt like for her. I thought of all of the struggles she went through, as well as the achievements. I think everyone should know about Mavis's story because over the years, her story has been lost and no one remembers how strong and accomplished she is.

2. How did I conduct my research?

I mostly focused on the background of Mavis and the future she had. I focused on the things people told her and how she responded to those statements. Some of the things people said to her caused her to be a better person and never give up. I wanted to continue with this project not by her failures, but by all of the things that came from her failures.

3. How did I select my presentation category and create my project?

I chose to do a website for multiple different reasons. I thought I could create some very interesting pages with multiple pictures and multimedia elements. I thought the website helped me express my creativity in a variety of different ways. I could use different styles on the page and make it look very interesting. Overall I liked using a website to show my understanding of my topic.

4. How does my project relate to this year's National History Day theme?

My project relates to Breaking Barriers in multiple ways. First of all, Mavis broke the gender barrier explaining that women can do things just as well as men. Mavis also broke multiple records and created new challenges to overcome. Mavis had a lot of first, which means she was the first to do something. As a kid Mavis struggled with multiple health problems and scares, and running helped her overcome that. Most of all Mavis proved to the world that just because of her age doesn't mean she isn't strong enough to do something. Mavis showed the way for multiple kids and women all over the world.