

Warm-Up Activity

1. Draw a picture of something you are nervous to try.

2. Using words, images, or both, explain the obstacles preventing you from trying this.

1. Elizabeth Blackwell was the first woman to graduate with a _____ degree.

2. Why did Elizabeth Blackwell have to put up a fight to even be admitted to study at her college?

3. What made Elizabeth Blackwell want to become a doctor?

4. In the video, Layla asks Dr. Blackwell, "Weren't you nervous? Wouldn't it have made you feel better if there was at least *one* woman who was going through this with you or who came before you?" What advice does Dr. Blackwell give Layla in her response?



5. Why did some of Elizabeth Blackwell's professors not want her to attend certain classes?

6. How did Dr. Blackwell overcome the challenges she faced while in college?

7. **Making Connections:** Elizabeth Blackwell persevered through obstacles and paved the way for other women in the medical field.

a. In the video, what does Layla say meeting Dr. Blackwell taught her?

b. Consider your responses in the Warm-Up Activity. How can you overcome obstacles and work towards your goals, just like Elizabeth Blackwell did?

Wrap-Up Activity

Dr. Blackwell achieving her dream.



Draw a picture of you achieving your goal!

Elizabeth Blackwell | Answer Key

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Check students' work for completion.

1. Elizabeth Blackwell was the first woman to graduate with a medical degree.
2. Why did Elizabeth Blackwell have to put up a fight to even be admitted to study at her college?
During Elizabeth Blackwell's time, women were not accepted in the medical field.
3. What made Elizabeth Blackwell want to become a doctor?
Becoming a doctor never really interested Elizabeth Blackwell. However, she was inspired by a friend of hers who was battling a severe illness. As her friend was dying, she remarked that she would have suffered less if her doctor had been a woman. Elizabeth was moved by her plight and immediately knew what her new path would be.
4. In the video, Layla asks Dr. Blackwell, "Weren't you nervous? Wouldn't it have made you feel better if there was at least one woman who was going through this with you or who came before you?" What advice does Dr. Blackwell give Layla in her response?
Dr. Blackwell responds that she might have been nervous, but just because someone like you has yet to accomplish what you're setting out to do, doesn't mean you should give up. What matters is the effort you put into your goals regardless if someone like you has done it before. She forged ahead with this very idea in mind.
5. Why did some of Elizabeth Blackwell's professors not want her to attend certain classes?
Some professors thought women were too delicate to handle certain classes.
6. How did Dr. Blackwell overcome the challenges she faced while in college?
Sample answer: Through all of Dr. Blackwell's challenges, she didn't give up, and she succeeded without ever having another woman come before her to show her the ropes. Even though some people did not approve of her being there, she worked her hardest, earned the respect of many of her classmates, and graduated first in her class.
7. **Making Connections:** Elizabeth Blackwell persevered through obstacles and paved the way for other women in the medical field.
 - a. In the video, what does Layla say meeting Dr. Blackwell taught her?
Sample answer: Layla says that she learned she needs to pave her own path to greatness, even if no one like her has done it before. Dr. Blackwell was the first at her school, so Layla's going to be the first at hers.
 - b. Consider your responses in the Warm-Up Activity. How can you overcome obstacles and work towards your goals, just like Elizabeth Blackwell did?
Answers will vary.

Wrap-Up Activity

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