

Infamous RBG by Jonelle C.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg was amazing. Accomplishing many spectacular feats throughout her life. She overcame many obstacles from fighting for women's rights to battling cancer. She is one of the greatest inspirations of our time. RBG inspired me because she was born in a time where women weren't expected to speak out against male domination and her example lets me know I can speak out.

A day before RBG's high school graduation she lost one of her biggest influences, her mother who taught her the value of independence and education.

I know that I have to work hard, and cherish my education and the people around me. But I also hope that lessons such as these help me in the future to look at things in a positive light.

As a young woman, a student and while searching for jobs RBG faced gender discrimination. Being a female student at four different schools was challenging. She didn't yield and she kept pushing forward. RBG graduated at the top of her class and despite her astounding academic record she continued to experience sex discrimination.

There were only eight females and five hundred boys in school and Ruth felt uncomfortable and self-conscious. In my third period class its uncomfortable because my coach has us work out on camera and usually it's only a few classmates. Since we have to do it everyday, I try to keep my chin up.

While applying for jobs RBG was turned down many times. Ruth started her clerkship for Judge Palmieri who was impressed with her academic achievements. After her clerkship she taught at Rutgers University Law School, and at Columbia where she became the school's first woman professor.

During the 1970s she served as a director of the Women's rights project of the American Civil Liberties Union. My favorite quote from RBG is to "fight for the things that you care about, but do it in such a way that will lead others to join you." She fought for the things that she believed in while leading people to do the same. She argued and fought for women in front of the supreme court, winning five of six cases. A few years later President Carter appointed RBG to the court of appeals and she was later appointed to the supreme court by President Clinton. She fought for both male and female rights that continue to close the gender discrimination gap.

Thanks to RBG I have never had to face gender discrimination like she had. Luckily, I was born to a time where many great people fought for equal rights.

RBG passed away on September 18, 2020 after she had been battling cancer for twenty years. RBG had a dying wish that was not fulfilled. This highlights the importance even more to continue fighting for what Ruth believed in. Her life story shows that anyone, no matter what their gender is, can accomplish anything. I hope to become half of the woman she was.