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Unsung Hero: Emmeline Pankhurst

Heroes - who are they?

At first glance, ordinary people with astonishing bravery, distinguished from other ordinary people by the path they have taken, the path that has changed sometimes the existence of one person and sometimes the whole earth for the better. Heroism is not always sacrificing your life for others, sometimes it is sacrificing yourself for the right idea.

There are names that many know nothing about. The people who created the era themselves became part of it. One of them is Emmeline Pankhurst, a British activist, founder of the Women's Social and Political Union, who played a critical role in winning the right of vote for women.

About a year ago, I read Emmeline's book, her inspiring speech "Freedom or death" Which reviewed the right of women to vote. It was not just a simple appeal, the text was full of emotions, remarkable examples, and logical insights. That speech has had a major impact on me.

Emmeline inspired me. She impressed me with her Invincibility, Charisma, passion, purposefulness, and perseverance.

She was an unsung hero, a hero who fought for equality and democracy, two main values of humanity. Emmeline was arrested several times over the years. She even went on a hunger strike. The government used a tactic called 'Cat and Mouse,' where they would release a hunger-striking prisoner and then rearrest them when they were healthy again. She fought for what she believed was right and was ready to sacrifice her freedom and safety for that, which I find more than heroic.

In Georgia (my homeland), even now, men are often assigned authority over women. I wanted that book to be read by everyone. I was sure that this speech by Emmeline would be able to change something in them, emotionally, even mentally. I aimed to share her story with family and friends. I did so, satisfying my desire to share the thoughts of this astonishing activist with others. A few months ago, when my sister told

me about the ArtEffect project, I became interested because I love to take on different challenges and get involved in projects that allow me to express my creativity through my favorite work, painting, and introduce my work to others. When I found Emmeline in the list provided by you, I realized that I had to take the opportunity to introduce this woman, to others on a much larger scale and to the best of my ability, with great diligence, to put my impressions on a paper.

As I mentioned above, Emmeline's book was the inspiration for me to do this project. When I was looking for more information about her, I came across her second book, "My own story." Reading that book online, getting familiar with her personal life, and acknowledging her world-changing views was one of the best parts of preparing for this project. When I re-read "Freedom or death," it sparked a lot of ideas in me, of what I could put on a paper. I saw her rare photos that affected me so much, how she fought against everyone and everything that stood in the way of democracy, how she resisted the men who tried to silence her, and saw people behind Emmeline, united around one idea. I tried to show Emmeline's character and unwavering nature in the painting. The hands that are grabbing her shoulders represent the people who tried to hold her back and silence her but never succeeded. I took inspiration from the photo in which she is dragged into the air by three policemen and is getting arrested. Yet despite resistance (she was jailed three times), Emmeline maintains a calm, balanced look, which perfectly illustrates her combative nature. Emmeline managed to unite people around one goal. She was a leader they truly trusted and loved.

To show how much support she gained, I decided to paint the background of the protesters, who were fighting for justice, led by Emmeline. As for the newspapers, Emmeline owns a lot of speeches that could not be ignored. I think the actual articles printed about Emmeline convey her importance to twentieth-century society. I used newspaper articles to visualize her inspirational and motivational phrases. Brown, black, and yellow colors are used in the painting to create an impression of an aged picture.

By the example of Emmeline, I see how it is necessary to unite for one correct purpose. I think that we have a lack of people like her in today's world, people who sincerely care about others. Emmeline is an example of what kind of leader we need. Unfortunately, now everything is the other way around. The hate between nations, racial racism, the humiliation of feminism, insulting the opinion of others, these actions are part of our daily lives, and we are slowly getting so used to it that we do not even pay needed attention to it anymore.

I am planning to make a presentation at school about Emmeline, a woman who has changed the world for the better. Emmeline died just two weeks before all women were finally given equal rights as men to vote. I want her merit to be appreciated. I want everyone to know her name, to know that she fought for us, for the rights that we now find very simple and accessible.

And again, what makes a person a hero?
Courage? Bravery? Nobility? Well-known name or ability to sacrifice themselves?

A true hero is someone who fights for humanity.