

Breaking the Summit: Junko Tabei

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The topic I chose for the NHD theme, Breaking Barriers, was Junko Tabei. She was the first woman to ever reach the summit of Mount Everest and climb the seven summits of the world. I decided to pick this topic because I wanted to learn about someone who I did not know about before. I never heard of Junko Tabei before this project and when I found out who she was, I was very excited. I was excited because she was an Asian who helped advocate for women. This topic is important because her achievement allowed women in Japan and around the world to pursue their dreams and hobbies outside of their household. Since I am Asian and a big feminist, I found this topic to fit perfectly. I chose a website for this topic because I wanted to visually share information easily. So I believed that a website was the perfect way to perform this.

Most of my primary and secondary resources were found upon the internet. I found it helpful that my U.S. history teacher provided us resources and our school's library site. The newspaper databases provided help me learn more info and provided cool visuals of the actual newspapers written during that time. A lot of my sources came from websites especially photos since I could not find personal photos until I found her book. I found it tedious after a while because a lot of sources stated the same things, so I had to really dig deep to find the interesting information.

Two sources that were the most useful with this project were, *Honoring High Places: The Mountain Life of Junko Tabei* by Junko Tabei and Helen Y. Rolfe and the Outside Online article Junko Tabei did in 2017. *Honoring High Places: The Mountain Life of Junko Tabei* by Junko Tabei and Helen Y. Rolfe was a book that provided almost everything about Junko Tabei. It provided images that I could not find online of her family and after her mark in history. The Outside Online article also did the same and gave me background info on what was going on during that time from Junko Tabei herself.

The biggest challenge I had creating my project was the website in general. Since its first year of using this program, I was difficult to format everything the way I wanted it to since the website was very particular with where things go. Also, I would have to be very cautious to save everything since it would delete if you didn't save every little thing you did. I was not happy doing the website at first, but it got better overtime. It was not the most ideal way to create what I wanted, but I am satisfied with my end product.