

Q-Amfns

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Dear Friends at C-Span

I have looked at C-Span for a long time, even before American Presidents became a weekly historical delight. I have not missed a program and wish every one young and old could see it, it is rich.

I have wanted since the beginning to take a President and write about him. I was always undecided which one. Until today. This segment on F.D.R. is inspiring to me because I can so identify. When we were children (young negro children) we were taught to revere F.D.R. & Eleanor. We all were very poor our fathers, Uncles, all negro males could not find work. When F.D.R. came in he started W.P.A. & CCC Camps. This gave our men jobs and raised their self esteem. Our women only had jobs, but only as domestics. After the beginning of the war in 1941 we did see economic change. Our people were able to move about and get jobs extending over horizons.

We looked on F.D.R., the Country

and the flag next to our religion. When he died it was very emotional to us all. I was 12 years old and felt like someone in the family died. I wish I could articulate more how those days were. G.D.R. was a hero.

I hope I am chosen to come to Washington D.C. it would mean a lot to me.

I hope you continue in this way, could I suggest in the future some in-depth looks at our Black leaders such as Nelson Mandela, A. Phillip Randolph, and many more.

I lived through history, born on [REDACTED] during the Depression & sitting around a radio on Dec. 7, 1941 hearing of a place called Pearl Harbor. Then in April of 1945 hearing our hero had died. What do we do now? That's how even children felt.

I hope I am chosen but if not, keep up the great work.
Sincerely,
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