



# Eleanor

PARTICIPATORY STORY - ENRICHING



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# Story Base

Eleanor of Toledo, daughter of the viceroy of Naples, left Naples to marry Duke Cosimo I de' Medici in Florence. They had never seen each other before. Eleanor made a long journey by ship together with her brother and the court. As soon as she reached Pisa she went by horse and halfway there met Cosimo who had gone to receive her. They were young and beautiful, and they fell in love at first sight. The city of Florence had been festively prepared for Eleanor's arrival, the celebrations lasted for days and days. Eleanor and Cosimo were very happy together as they transformed the city and their home into a royal court. Eleanor was beautiful, intelligent and very cultured, but she preferred to speak Spanish instead of Florentine. The inhabitants of Florence were not very pleased but forgave her because she did many things for the children and the poor of the city. Cosimo would not make any decision unless he consulted with Eleanor first and when he was away, Eleanor made all the decisions on her own. Eleanor died during a journey she undertook to join Cosimo, who had decided to reclaim marshes. Even today, everyone remembers her for her intelligence and beauty.

# What are they like?

Re-write the story and describe what the characters and things in the story are like.



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# What they are doing?

Re-write the story and describe what the characters are doing. Don't forget to include what the characters/things in the story are like that you wrote before.



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# How does it end?

Re-write the story and add your own ending. Don't forget to include what the characters/things in the story are like and what the characters are doing that you wrote before.



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