



BEATRICE KORNBLUM

Words to know: immigrant, relatively, restaurateur, dynamic, staunch, socialism, communism, adversity, institutionalized, philanthropy, annuities, founded, cornerstone, documentation, significant, aspects, minority, inclusion, disabilities, dissemination, endowment, urban, and legacy

Reread the bio of Beatrice Kornblum, paying close attention to the words above. If you are having difficulty with any of the words, use your dictionary, the Internet, or ask a friend for help.

Take out your journal and write Beatrice Kornblum at the top of a new page. Then respond to the following:

1. From what country did Beatrice's father come to America?
2. How did Beatrice's family improve from poor to wealthy?
3. What kind of interest did the Kornblum family have that led them to lively discussions?
4. What was Beatrice's political belief?
5. What two tragedies happened in Ms. Kornblum's life as a young married woman?
6. Beatrice was wealthy and did not have to work. Did she work?
7. Beatrice Kornblum devoted her life and her wealth to help other people with a particular interest in teachers. If you were in college and received a Kornblum scholarship to get an advanced degree in teaching, you would be very grateful to Beatrice. Turn to a new page in your journal and write a letter of thanks as if you were a Kornblum scholar. Remember to use your best letter writing skills and be specific concerning what you are thankful.

Be sure to color in the state in which Ms. Kornblum lived on the map of the United States. On the back of the map, write Beatrice's full name and the name of the state in which she was born.

Stretching Your Thinking: Beatrice Kornblum found herself with a lot of wealth. Rather than spend it on herself, she used it for the benefit of her community. She believed in providing teachers with excellent education. Why do you think it is important to have teachers who have advanced degrees? What effect does a really good teacher have on her students? Is it better to provide money for teachers' education than to spend money on school buildings or special school supplies? Why?