Paraphrasing — Annie Oakley

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Paraphrase this passage on Annie Oakley.

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Annie Oakley (1860-1926) was a legend of the American West, especially known for her dazzling talent with a gun. Annie suffered a very difficult childhood. Her father died when she was six, and she never went to school. Her family was very poor. She began learning shooting tricks at age nine to help earn money. Eventually she made more money than she ever could have imagined. At 16 she was well known for her incredible shooting feats. She married Frank E. Butler, a top shooter and vaudeville performer, after beating him in a shooting contest. As a couple, they became one of the top acts in Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show. Annie could shoot off the end of a cigarette held in her husband's lips, hit the edge of a playing card from 30 yards, and shoot distant targets backwards, while looking into a mirror. She could hit a target while standing on a galloping horse that most men couldn't hit standing still. Annie overcame poverty, mistreatment and physical injury. She used her talent to break down barriers for women in her sport. Annie showed generosity and compassion to young women in need, widows and orphans. Her death, at the age of 66, saddened many throughout America. Part of her legacy is the Irving Berlin musical, *Annie Get Your Gun* (1946) based on her life.

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