

American Literature
Road Trip for Suffrage
Essay Questions

Directions: Each group member must choose a different one of the following writing assignments concerned with issues raised in Chapter 6: *Road Trip for Suffrage*

1. You are a newspaper reporter in a town or city along the road trip's route. Write a front-page news story covering a speech by Sara Bard Field at a local rally. Include reactions from city officials and eye witnesses.
2. You have been chosen to represent a political party in a national election. Identify your party, develop a slogan, and write a campaign platform that expresses the views and goals on which your candidacy will be based.
3. Read Chapter 11 "Going to Bat for Girls." Write a one-act play about an imaginary encounter between Sara Bard Field and Naomi Fritson. How would they relate to each other? What would they want to know about each other's lives?
4. Arrange to interview three women you know, either family members or acquaintances - one in her 30s, one in her 50s and one in her 70s. Prepare a series of questions about the changes they have witnessed in women's roles in U.S. society. Keep a journal of their responses. Write an essay that compares and contrasts their lives with your vision of women's roles in the first half of the 21st century. (2 students may choose this topic.)