

American Literature  
*Wheels of Justice*  
Discussion Questions

1. Describe the obstacles that Judy Heumann faced throughout her childhood and young adult life. Which one seems to have been the most difficult for her to overcome? Share a particularly challenging obstacle that you've had to overcome.
2. What is Section 504 and what is its significance? Why had few members of Congress studied and debated it before its passage?
3. Compare the methods and strategies used by the activists in the story with those used by earlier civil rights activists.
4. Discuss the role of the media in this story. How might media coverage be different if the sit-ins were happening today?
5. What measures did HEW officials take to silence the protestors? How effective were they? What other options might the officials have considered?
6. Discuss the personal toll this protest had on some of the protestors. What sacrifices would you be willing to make to fight discrimination?