

American Literature  
*Wheels of Justice*  
Essay Questions

Directions: Each group member must choose a different one of the following writing assignments concerned with issues raised in Chapter 10: *Wheels of Justice*

1. As a reporter for the San Francisco Times, you have been covering the protest since its beginning. It is day 25 and you are preparing a news report on the signing of Section 504. Write a story summarizing the event and present it before the class.
2. Imagine that you are a leader in the Section 504 protest. Create a "strategy sheet" for a planning meeting. Develop a slogan, outline your group's goals and strategies, list important information and concerns, and offer words of encouragement to build morale. Share your sheet with the other groups.
3. When people encounter a person with a disability or a medical condition that is not familiar to them, they sometimes react with fear and uncertainty. Recall a time when you either had this reaction yourself or received such a reaction from someone else. In a private journal entry (not to be turned in), respond to the following questions: What was the situation? How did it make you feel at the time? How does it feel to recall the incident? What parts of the situation do you have the power to change? (Two students may choose this topic.)
4. Read the document "Storming the Barricades." Identify a privately owned business in your community that creates a welcoming environment for disabled persons. Write a letter to the owner or to your local newspaper commending the business for its efforts.