

“A Suffragette in Time”

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Book Club Guide

- Why do you think Sarah Burns becomes a suffragette in the 1850s even though she knows women’s right to vote won’t happen until 1920?
- The lives of activists in that era were fraught with danger. Even women speaking about women’s rights were attacked. Can you imagine campaigning for women’s suffrage?
- How do you suppose you would’ve felt about men if you’d lived in that time?
- These days many people use social media to campaign for change. Before the internet, that was impossible. Do you think the “modern way” works?
- The push to end slavery took center stage in the late 1850s. Was it fair to tell suffragettes to back off until slavery was abolished?
- The white Hammond family risks their own safety by operating a station on the Underground Railroad. Could you take the kinds of risks they did to help people escaping slavery?
- Do you sympathize with John Manning for hiding his slave heritage and living as a white man?
- Did the novel surprise you in its portrayal of life and activism in that period?