



TeachersFirst READING TREKS

Around America to Win the Vote

Teacher Guide

Grade Level & Content Areas

Access Reading
Trek Map

Ages: 5–8

Grades: K–3 (read-aloud),
4 (independent)

Reading Level: 4th grade

Lexile Measure: 750L

Guided Reading Level: N

Developmental Reading

Assessment (DRA): 40

Content Areas: English/language arts, reading, literature, and social studies (including history, geography, and social justice).

Synopsis of Book

In lively fashion, Mara Rockliff shares the true story of Alice Burke and Nell Richardson and their journey across the United States in an attempt to persuade the public that women should have the right to vote. In 1916, the two set out to cross the country in a small yellow car, a journey that would prove their determination to spread the word about women's suffrage.

Standards

Common Core State Standards for K–5

Reading: Literature

- Key Ideas and Details
- Craft and Structure

Writing

- Text Types and Purposes
- Research to Build and Present Knowledge

National Curriculum Standards for Social Studies

- Theme 1: CULTURE
- Theme 2: TIME, CONTINUITY, AND CHANGE
- Theme 3: PEOPLE, PLACES, AND ENVIRONMENTS
- Theme 10: CIVIC IDEALS AND PRACTICES

National Core Arts Standards for Visual Arts

- CREATING
- RESPONDING

Social Justice Standards

- Identity
- Justice

Using a TeachersFirst® Reading Trek to Explore This Book

TeachersFirst Reading Treks create a virtual field trip of resources about a piece of literature or a text using the My Maps feature of Google Maps. To motivate and enrich student reading, teachers and students can reference this visual collection of web resources and images as they relate to the contents of a book.

TeachersFirst has done the hard work for you! Use the activities in this teacher guide and the accompanying [Reading Trek map](#) as you and your students explore this book. And, if you feel inspired, you (or your students) can create your own Reading Trek about this or another book!

Using This Reading Trek in Class

Below is a list of ideas for how to use this Reading Trek in your educational setting.

Working with the Map:

1. Introduce the book to the class on an interactive whiteboard using the Reading Trek map and highlighting its various layers.
2. Discuss social equality and the civil rights of women in the early 1900s. Use this Kahoot ([TeachersFirst review](#)) titled [BrainPop Women's Suffrage](#) as a review.
3. Create a Venn diagram in Canva ([TeachersFirst review](#)) that compares and contrasts women's roles and rights as they existed before the ratification of the 19th Amendment and today.
4. Ask students to choose a city along Alice and Nell's route to research and use sites such as Unsplash for Education ([TeachersFirst review](#)) or Pics4Learning ([TeachersFirst review](#)) to find Creative Commons images. Students can use FlexClip ([TeachersFirst review](#)) to create a video where they talk about the location and show the pictures that highlight that place.
5. Have students write a short story using one of the images found on [Hadley Hooper's website](#) and create a storybook using Bookemon ([TeachersFirst review](#)).
6. Read other historical books written by Mara Rockliff. For a list of titles, visit [Mara Rockliff Books for Kids and Teens](#). Create an avatar for a primary character in that story using Bitmoji ([TeachersFirst review](#)). Save the avatar as a PNG and upload it to Adobe Express Video Maker ([TeachersFirst review](#)), where students can record video voiceovers talking about their chosen character.



<https://www.teachersfirst.com/reading-treks/content/around-america-win-vote-two-suffragists-kitten-and-10000-miles>

Extension Activities:

1. Host a mock election for an actual political candidate or social issue within your class or school. Discuss who would be allowed to vote and what the voting process would look like. Print, decorate, and trim [Suffrage Cats](#) to include in photographs recording the mock election.
2. Use Adobe Express for Education ([TeachersFirst review](#)) to create infographics or posters for a mock election or a class choice vote for a particular activity.
3. Research other suffragists mentioned in the story, such as Abigail Adams (wife of President John Adams), Lucy Stone, Susan B. Anthony, Sojourner Truth, Alice Paul, Ida B. Wells, Lucretia Mott, and Elizabeth Cady Stanton. Use [Chronicling America](#) ([TeachersFirst review](#)) to show examples of primary sources and find relevant articles. You can also discuss how newspapers have changed over the decades and have students use FigJam ([TeachersFirst review](#)) to record what they learned.
4. Create a list of travel challenges that Alice and Nell faced in the Yellow Flyer in 1916 and how they overcame them. Use Stickies.io ([TeachersFirst review](#)) to brainstorm and organize these obstacles.
5. Ask each student to identify a female within their family group who has made a difference or positive impact on the lives of others. Gather as many details as possible pertinent to that individual and use Adobe Express Video Maker ([TeachersFirst review](#)) to create a short video about that person.
6. Consider the [Appeal to Fathers](#) in the suffrage movement. Brainstorm what concepts and opportunities that fathers and father figures today might fight for. Have students create pictures of themselves engaged in an activity that they are not currently allowed to do. These drawings can be scanned and uploaded to create a Wakelet ([TeachersFirst review](#)) with a sharable link.

Helpful Resources

From TeachersFirst:

- [TeachersFirst CurriConnects Book List - Maps](#)
- [TeachersFirst Review of Google My Maps](#)
- [OK2Ask: Engage & Inspire with Reading Treks](#)

Other Resources:

- [Mara Rockliff](#)
- [Hadley Hooper](#)
- [Candlewick Press Teacher Tips](#)
- [Tennessee Teacher Guide](#)
- [Driving Through the Finish Line: The Fight for Suffrage on Wheels](#)



- [Lesson Plan: Women's Suffrage-What is the 19th Amendment to the Constitution?](#)
- [Primary Sources and Picture Books: Around America to Win the Vote by Mara Rockliff](#)
- [Library of Congress Primary Source Set: Women's Suffrage](#)
- [The History of the Saxon Motor Car Company](#)
- [General Map of Transcontinental Routes with Principal Connections](#)