Viewing Guide:
Iron Jawed Angels

Overview: The film focuses on the American women's suffrage movement during the 1910s, and follows women's suffrage leaders Alice Paul and Lucy Burns as they use peaceful and effective nonviolent strategies, tactics, and dialogues to revolutionize the American feminist movement to grant women the right to vote.

1. Why do the leaders of the National American Woman's Suffrage Assoc. dislike the English suffragettes?

2. In what year does the movie begin?

3. Which two women took over NAWSA’s Congressional committee?

4. Why do the women factory workers change their mind and decide to come to the parade?

5. Why does Ida Wells Barnett from the Chicago delegation have a problem with parade’s organization?

6. Why weren’t there any people to greet President Woodrow Wilson upon his arrival?

7. Why are Carrie Chapman Catt and Anna Shaw upset with Alice Paul’s tactics?

8. Why doesn’t Senator Leighton’s wife want to get too involved in the suffrage movement?

9. What does it mean when NAWSA suspends the Congressional Union to investigate unauthorized expenditures?

10. What is the purpose of the National Women’s Party?

11. How long had women been fighting for suffrage as they began to campaign state to state?

12. Wilson advocated for women to continue campaigning for suffrage state by state but refused to support a national amendment. Why do you think he made this distinction?

13. What happened to Inez Milholland?

14. Who won the presidential election of 1916?
15. What does the NWP start doing on January 10, 1917?

16. What are some ways that the men who work at the white house are trying to get rid of the female picketers stationed outside the white house?

17. Does NAWSA support the picketers?

18. What happens when the women picket once war has been declared?

19. What are the women who are arrested charged with?

20. Why won’t the women pay the fine?

21. Why can Senator Leighton take his children from his wife?

22. When Alice Paul goes on the picket line, what does she do?

23. Why does Alice distinguish between President Wilson and the office of the presidency?

24. Why doesn’t Alice understand what needs to be explained about being a suffragist?

25. What does President Wilson want to do with Alice Paul?

26. How does Alice get word to the others about what’s happening to her?

27. Why does Emily Leighton say that she’s staying in prison for the suffrage movement?

28. Why does Carrie Chapman Catt stand and allow Alice Paul to sit?

29. How many states have to agree before the amendment is put in the Constitution?

30. What state made the 19th amendment?