

CANADIAN WOMEN NOW+THEN

More than 100 Stories of Fearless Trailblazers by Elizabeth MacLeod

Activities to Extend Students' Experience with the Book

1. If you could meet any of the famous women in this book, who would it be and why? What five questions would you ask her?
2. Pick a woman in the book and make a list of ten items you think she would pack in her backpack, briefcase or purse.
3. Imagine one of these incredible women is coming to your school. Make a poster to tell everyone why she's so amazing.
4. Pretend you're one of the women in the book and write a letter to your best friend describing your fabulous invention, discovery or achievement.
5. Imagine you could invite three of the women in the book to come to your house for dinner. Who would you invite and what would you serve? Give reasons for your choices.
6. Design a postage stamp to celebrate one of the women in the book.
7. "If we give a girl a chance ... imagine how different the world would be." "First you dream, then you lace up your boots." There are lots of great quotations in the book. Pick three of the quotations, then explain why you like them and what they mean to you.
8. Choose one of the women in the book. What books do you think she would have read when she was a kid or what toys do you think she might have played with? Give two reasons for your choices.
9. Make a collage about one of the women in the book. Be sure to include photos or drawings of items she would use.
10. Many Canadians have been inspired by astronaut Roberta Bondar and environmentalist Severn Cullis-Suzuki. Who motivates you? Include three ways this person inspires you.

