



TeachersFirst READING TREKS

Around America to Win the Vote: Two Suffragists, a Kitten, and 10,000 Miles

Teacher Guide

Grade Level & Content Areas

Access Reading
Trek Map

Ages: 5–8

Grades: K–3 (reading aloud) or
4 (independent reading)

Reading Level: 4th Grade

Lexile Measure: 750L

Guided Reading Level: R

Developmental Reading

Assessment (DRA): 40

Content Areas: English language
arts, reading, and social studies,
including history and geography.

Synopsis of Book

In this lively picture book, author Mara Rockliff shares the true story of Alice Burke and Nell Richardson's 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 on 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

Reading: Informational Text

- 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

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 whole class using the Reading Trek map on an interactive whiteboard and highlighting Mara Rockliff's website and her layer, as well as the layer for illustrator Hadley Hooper.
2. Host a mock election for an actual political candidate or social issue within the class/school.
3. Create interactive infographics or posters for a class election for a special activity. Use a tool like Easel.ly ([TeachersFirst review](#)) for the infographic.
4. Review book and author information:
 - a. Read about the author's life and other books she has written. Visit [Mara Rockliff—Books for Kids and Teens](#) and choose an additional text to read from the list of books.
 - b. Visit [Mara Rockliff—Skype an Author Network](#) for details on how to set up a meeting with the author for a 10–15-minute Q&A at no cost (limit of one Skype visit per district per Ms. Rockliff's website).
5. Read "[The Suffragist Saffron Saxon](#)" to learn more about Alice and Nell's journey and read excerpts of the speeches they gave.

Extension Activities:

1. Use the Reading Trek to stimulate discussion, ask questions, or write prompts about traveling across the United States.
2. Have students write a short story using one of the images found on [Hadley Hooper's website](#) and create a story book using Bookemon ([TeachersFirst review](#)).
3. Research other suffragists by visiting [The Suffragist Saffron Saxon](#) and create a digital story using PowerPoint or Google Slides.
4. Create a book trailer using Sway ([TeachersFirst review](#)).
5. Discuss why the right to vote is sometimes taken away from individuals and how and why it could or should be restored.

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-Books for Kids and Teens](#) and [Hadley Hooper](#).
- Book trailer examples found at [Kid Lit TV's Book Trailer Archives](#) or [Slime Kids](#).

Other suffragists for research mentioned in the text include:

- Abigail Adams (wife of President John Adams)
- Lucy Stone
- Susan B. Anthony
- Sojourner Truth
- Alice Paul
- Ida B. Wells
- Lucretia Mott
- Elizabeth Cady Stanton