

Grace Goes to Washington Discussion Guide

Discussion questions (choose a few)

- ★ What are the three branches of government?
- ★ Why do you think we have three separate branches of government?
- ★ Grace became frustrated because several people were allowed to vote on how to spend the bake sale money. Why do you think it's important to have a system of "checks and balances," rather than letting one person decide how to spend the money?
- ★ Grace quotes Martin Luther King, Jr., saying that "A finer, kinder world starts with us and the choices we make." What are some ways we can be kinder to others and help make our community better?
- ★ At the end of the book, Principal Perez said that true leadership was putting your own wants and needs aside to help others. Do you agree, and can you think of examples of leaders in your school or town you've seen do this?
- ★ What are qualities of a good leader? How are you a leader in school or at home?
- ★ If you could choose one thing to change about your school or your community, what would it be and why? How could you go about making that change? How can you work with others to get it done?
- ★ Why was it important for Grace and Thomas to ask Aman, the new student, what he thought?
- ★ What was your favorite part of the book? What part would you write differently?

Share your experience as a woman leader

- ★ Which branch of government do you serve in?
- ★ Why did you run for office?
- ★ Describe what a typical day as an elected leader is like.
- ★ What is the best part of your job?
- ★ What did you do before you were an elected official? How did that help you to do a good job now that you're elected?

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- ★ Field trip ideas related to women's leadership;
- ★ Multimedia resources on women and public leadership for all ages;
- ★ Lesson modules on Women and the Presidency, Women in Congress, and many more.

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About Teach a Girl to Lead®



If a girl can't imagine a woman leader, how can she become one? And if a boy sees only men in leadership roles, what will convince him to support aspiring women leaders? **Teach a Girl to Lead® (TAG)** provides tools and resources to educators, leaders of youth-serving groups, media outlets, and parents who want to help young people rethink leadership with women in the picture.



The Center for American Women and Politics (CAWP) created TAG to inspire girls and young women to follow in the footsteps of women leaders, past and present. Making women's political leadership visible to America's youth will help both girls and boys grow up with more inclusive ideas about who can lead.

CAWP is recognized as the nation's premier resource on all things women and politics. As the world has watched Americans considering female candidates for the nation's highest offices, CAWP's nearly 50 years of analyzing and interpreting women's participation in American politics have provided a foundation and context for the discussion.

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