

Emily Murphy

These questions can help to guide a student's viewing of the Emily Murphy biography.

1. What metaphors are commonly used by historians to describe Emily Murphy?
2. How would you describe Emily's childhood and education? List important characteristics she developed or events that occurred during this period in her life.
3. What prompted Emily Murphy to begin writing her series of Janey Canuck books? Whose travels were these books based on?
4. Which type of feminism is Emily said to have supported? How is it described in the video?
5. What is the name of the legislation to protect women's property rights that Emily fought for? What did this legislation guarantee women?
6. Which other influential Canadian women did Emily meet and become life-long friends with while she was living in Edmonton, Alberta?
7. How did Emily assist other Canadian women during the campaign for women's suffrage? When was the vote given to women in Alberta? In Manitoba? In Ontario?
8. Which of Emily's campaigns resulted in her appointment as a Court Magistrate? Why was this a cause for celebration around the world?
9. Why was the Montréal's Women's Club's nomination of Emily for a seat in the Canadian Senate left in limbo for six years? How did Emily's brother, Bill, renew her hopes of becoming appointed to the Canadian Senate?
10. Identify the four other women who make up the Famous Five with Emily. Briefly describe each of their contributions.
11. What question did the Famous Five pose to the Supreme Court of Canada, and later, the British Privy Council?
12. How was the B.N.A. Act changed in order to recognize women as persons?