

## Kit Blake Coleman

*These questions can help to guide a student's viewing of the Kit Blake Coleman biography.*

1. Where was Kathleen Ferguson born? What was her family's social status?
2. What did Kathleen do to get past the loneliness and isolation of farm life?
3. Why did Kathleen get married? What was marriage like in Ireland in the nineteenth century?
4. Why did Kathleen decide to go to Canada?
5. What job did Kathleen take when she moved to Winnipeg with her husband?
6. What was Kathleen's first piece of writing?
7. When did she begin calling herself Kit? Why?
8. What page in the *Daily Mail* was Kit made the editor of by managing editor Christopher Bunting?
9. What was society's attitude towards journalists at the time?
10. How did Kit defend herself against a critic who confronted her?
11. Why did Kit go to London in 1892? What infamous serial killer did she write articles about?
12. What paper did Kit write after the *Mail and Empire* decided they no longer needed a travelling journalist?
13. Under what circumstances did Kit end up meeting the Queen? What book did she write as a result?
14. What war did Kit cover in 1898?
15. Why did Kit have difficulty getting permission to travel to the battlefields? How did she manage to become the world's first accredited female war correspondent?
16. What did Kit do after the hostilities ended?
17. How did Kit change the way journalists look at war?
18. What difficulties did Kit encounter on her voyage back to the United States?

19. What was Kit's surprising message to a group of women reporters in Washington?
20. Why did Kit move to Copper Cliff, Ontario?
21. What was the subject of Kit's 1901 work, "Unwelcome Valentine?"
22. What two cases did Kit get to cover in the United States?
23. Why did Kit start a press club with female colleagues?
24. Why did Kit lose her by-line in 1911?
25. After Kit started her own freelance column, she became the first female what?
26. What was Kit's message about the First World War? Why did many people dislike it?
27. Was Kit really a conservative? Explain.
28. Why did Kit decide against entering politics?
29. How did Kit pave the way for women in journalism?