

Ann Richards:  
“A Woman’s Place is in the Dome”

Activity Book and Teacher Guide

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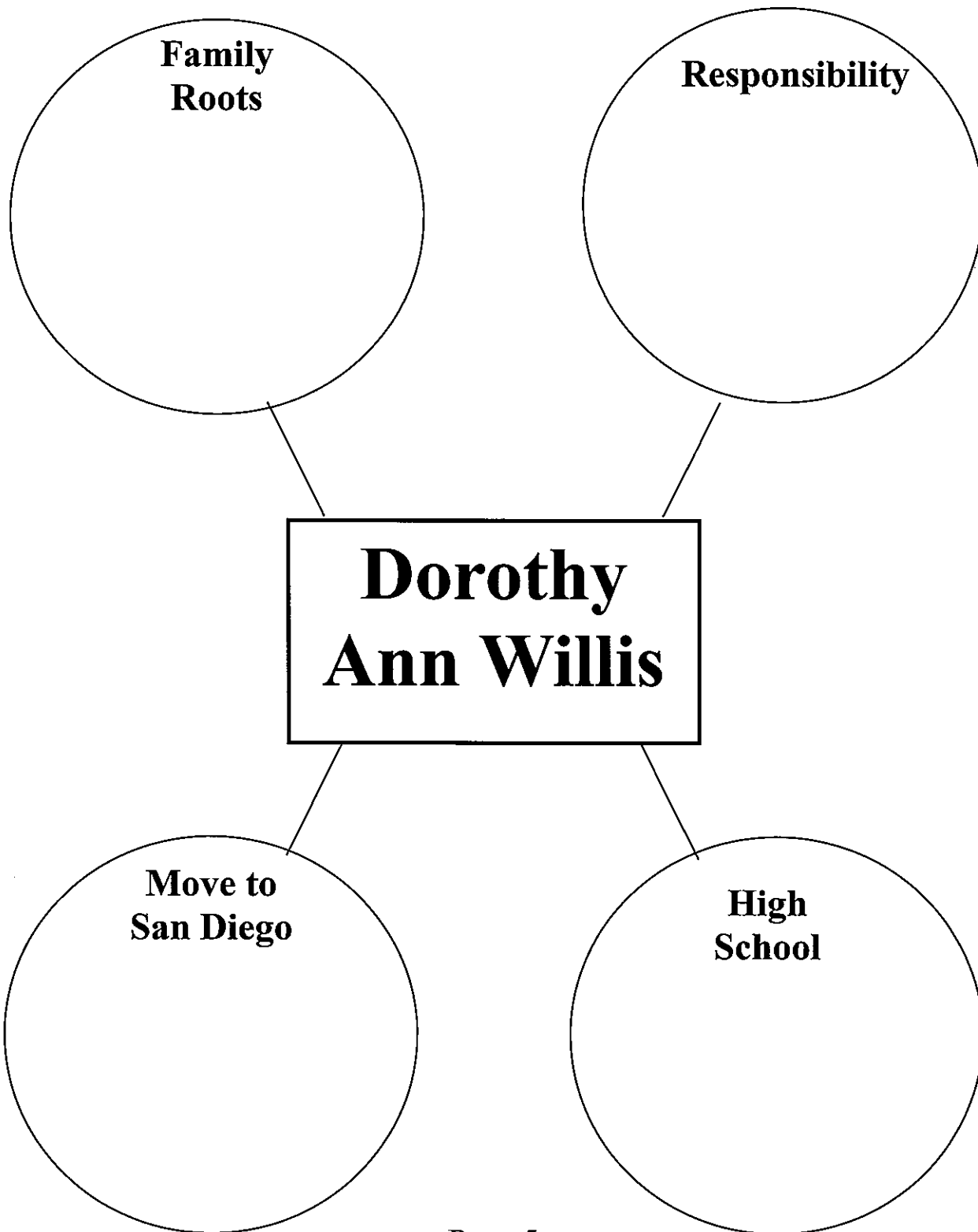
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Chapter 1  
Character Web



## Chapter 1 Post-reading Discussion Questions

- 1) When was Ann Richards born? How were things different for her, compared to kids growing up today?
- 2) Describe Ann's father's education, career, and character.
- 3) What traits did Ann's mother possess?
- 4) Even though money was tight, Ann's parents thought what two skills were important and worth the extra money?
- 5) How did Ann's father fight injustice through his work on the school board?
- 6) What father/ daughter activities did Ann participate in as a child?
- 7) What does this say about Ann's personality and the character of her father?

## Chapter 2

### Word Search

H	B	K	Y	T	N	O	K	T	A
C	A	E	D	O	L	I	O	L	U
E	Y	N	E	T	Y	O	R	H	S
T	L	N	M	M	O	N	E	Y	T
A	O	E	O	A	B	F	A	V	I
B	R	D	C	Y	A	F	O	A	N
E	R	Y	R	Z	P	N	T	U	J
D	E	T	A	A	T	W	I	T	R
H	A	E	T	F	I	B	L	A	W
U	Y	R	S	D	S	B	A	T	E
I	P	O	L	I	T	I	C	A	L

**Money**  
**Baptist**  
**Korea**  
**Debate**  
**Austin**  
**Political**  
**Democrats**  
**Law**  
**Baylor**  
**Kennedy**

## Chapter 2 Post-reading Discussion Questions

- 1) What two main factors did Ann use to decide where to attend college?
- 2) How did David's mother feel about David attending college?
- 3) Describe the curriculum requirements at Baylor.
- 4) Who did Ann's debate team beat?
- 5) Why was that win significant?
- 6) How were Ann's and David's social experiences different?
- 7) What activities did Ann trade when she transitioned from a college student to a wife?
- 8) How did Ann stay involved in politics?
- 9) Why were Ann's political views unique in Texas?



# Chapter 3 Roles in Politics

Directions: For each election, list the details discussed in the book. For example, candidates, Ann's role in the election, the outcome, or any other details.

<b>Texas legislature</b>	<b>Travis County Commissioner</b>	<b>State Treasurer</b>

## Chapter 3 Post-reading Discussion Questions

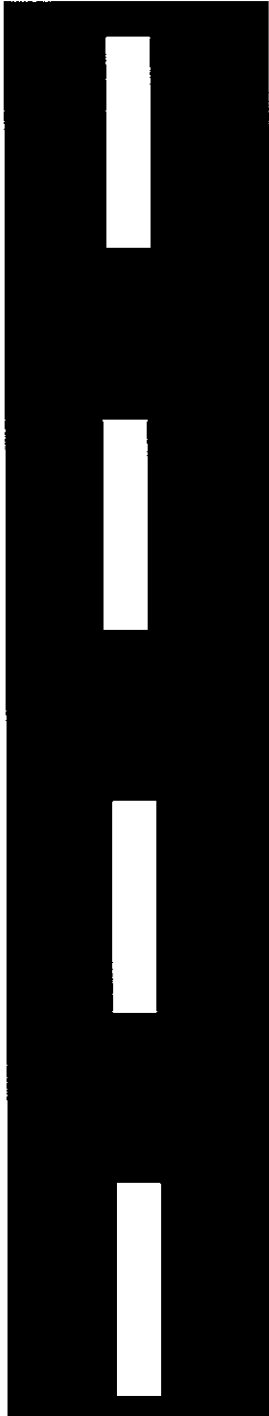
- 1) Why would Ann agree to run Weddington's campaign after hearing her ideas?
- 2) What types of laws did Weddington intend to pass?
- 3) What types of jobs did Sarah Weddington and Ann need volunteers for?
- 4) Where did Sarah Weddington go to college?
- 5) What groups of people did Ann focus her attention on helping during her term as Commissioner?
- 6) Was Ann successful in her re-election campaign as Travis County Commissioner?
- 7) What was Ann's next step on the political ladder?

# Chapter 4

## Event Flow Chart

Fill in the names and information using the information in Chapter 4.

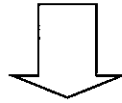
### Ann Richard's Road to the Texas Capital



The \_\_\_\_\_ Party Primary

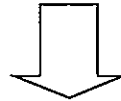
Ann  
Richards

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



Runoff Election

Democratic Party Primary Winner  
\_\_\_\_\_



#### 1990 Texas Governor Election

Ann Richards  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Party)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)  
Republican

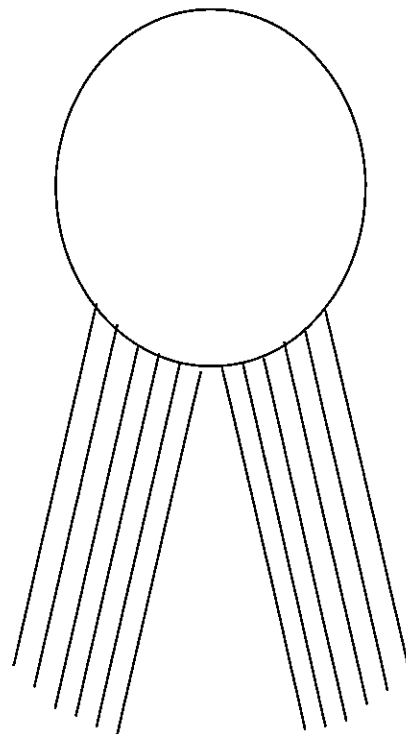
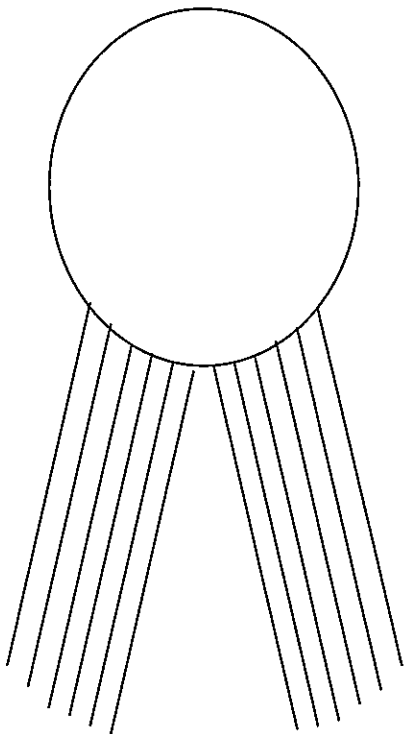
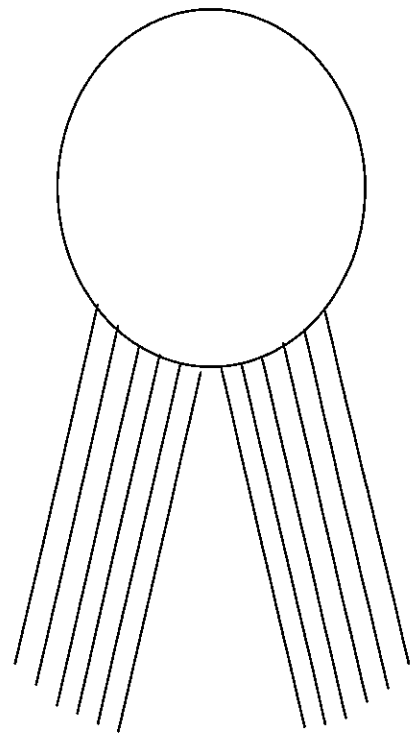
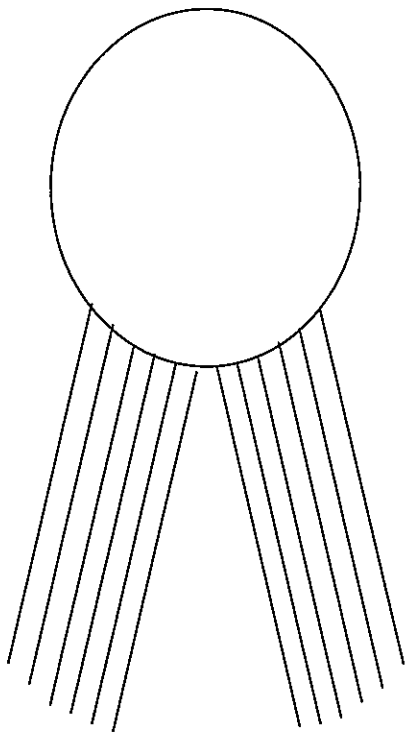
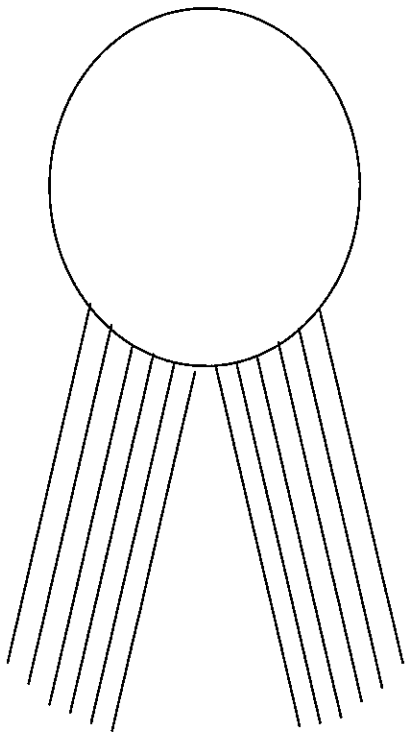
Texas Governor Election 1990 Winner  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Chapter 4 Post-reading Discussion Questions

- 1) Ann's service in what positions helped qualify her for the office of governor?
- 2) What tactics did the politicians use while running for governor?
- 3) Who received the nomination from the Republican Party?
- 4) What interaction between Clayton Williams and Ann hurt William's campaign?
- 5) Where does the title of this book, "A Woman's Place is in the Dome" come from?

# Chapter 5

## Accomplishments



## Chapter 5 Post-reading Discussion Questions

- 1) Why were the celebrations surrounding Ann Richards' election unique?
- 2) What types of people did Richards appoint to state boards and commissions?
- 3) Who was Lena Guerrero?
- 4) What qualifications did Barbara Jordan have to serve as the special advisor on ethical standards?
- 5) Describe the "Robin Hood Plan".
- 6) What major industries did Richards protect during hard economic times?
- 7) What does the quote "Poor George, he can't help it. . . He was born with a silver foot in his mouth." mean?

# Review

## Timeline/Events

Directions: Given the list of events below, locate and fill in the dates of the events. Rewrite the following events in sequential order. Example: In 1976, Ann is elected Travis County Commissioner.

Date

Events

\_\_\_\_\_ Ann and David are married. (day, month, year)

\_\_\_\_\_ World War II ends and Ann's family moves back to Texas. (year)

\_\_\_\_\_ Ann Richards is born. (day, month, year)

\_\_\_\_\_ Ann is announced as the Governor of Texas. (month, day, year)

\_\_\_\_\_ Ann successfully runs Sarah Weddington's campaign for the Texas Legislature. (year)

\_\_\_\_\_ Ann announces that she will run for governor of Texas (month, day, year)

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

# Using the Glossary

## Matching

Beside each term, write in the letter of the matching definition.

- |                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| 1. Primary _____         | A. the person in charge of a state government   |
| 2. Governor _____        | B. a competition by rival political candidates for public office  |
| 3. Ethics _____          | C. a preliminary election in which voters of each party nominate candidates for office                      |
| 4. Campaign _____        | D. an officer of an organization in charge of receiving and payment of money                                |
| 5. Treasurer _____       | E. the right of a president, governor, or other chief executive to disallow bills passed by the legislature |
| 6. Veto _____            | F. the code of behavior leading an individual or a group  |
| 7. Integration _____     | G. a person who knows the formal rules and procedures during a meeting                                      |
| 8. Parliamentarian _____ | H. the action of incorporating a racial group into the community  |

Ann Richards “A Woman’s Place is in the Dome”

Book Test

True/False

1. Ann attended Baylor University.  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. During World War II, Ann’s family moved to Europe while her father served in the military.  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Ann gained experience in politics as the state treasurer and county commissioner.  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Ann and her debate team were not invited to go to a debate at West Point, instead the second place men’s team went.  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Ann jumped into politics in Austin by working on Clayton Williams’ campaign.  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Ann served two terms as County Commissioner.  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Ann tested the support of her friends by requiring they raise \$200,000 in twenty-four hours before she would run for treasurer.  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. Clayton Williams ran against Ann for Governor of Texas.  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. Ann Richards served three terms as governor.  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. Write your own TRUE statement about Ann Richards.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Multiple Choice

11. Which word is used to describe a person who knows the formal rules and procedures of meetings?

- A) Parliamentarian
- B) Treasurer
- C) Legislature
- D) Campaign

12. As written in the book, Ann supported which program that raised money for schools?

- A) Texas Schools State Wide Bake Sale
- B) Texas State Lottery
- C) Texas School Benefit Dinner
- D) Texas Schools Raffle Drawing

13. The definition of Veto allows which office to disallow bills passed by the legislature?

- A) Governor
- B) President
- C) Other chief executive
- D) All the above

14. Ann made an effort as governor to appoint \_\_\_\_\_ to positions on state boards and commissions.

- A) Men
- B) Rich People.
- C) Members of her family
- D) Women and minorities

15. Ann ran for re-election but was defeated by \_\_\_\_\_

- A) George W. Bush
- A) Susan King
- C) Rick Perry
- D) Mark White

## Essays

Pick one of the following essay questions. Answer the question or write to the prompt using details from the text.

- 1) Write a paragraph convincing or persuading the reader that women are capable of serving in any role in government. Use Ann Richards' accomplishments to backup your arguments.
- 2) In sequential order, describe the events in the book. Make sure to include personal and career events from Ann's life.

# Answer Key

## Word Search

H B K Y T N O K T A  
 C A E D O L I O L U  
 E Y N E T Y O R H S  
 T L N M M O N E Y T  
 A O N O A B F A V I  
 B R E C Y A F O A N  
 E R D R Z P N T U J  
 D E Y A A T W I T R  
 H A E T F I B L A W  
 U Y R S D S B A T E  
 I P O L I T I C A L

### Chapters 1 and 2 Quiz pg. 9

1. F pages 25, 26
2. T page 34 side bar
3. F page 30
4. T page 21
5. T page 33
6. F page 36
7. D page 14
8. C page 19
9. D page 21
10. C page 33 side bar

### Flow Chart pg. 12

Democratic Primary  
 Jim Mattox  
 Ann Richards  
 Democratic  
 Clayton William  
 Ann Richards

### Page 16 Events/Timeline

1 September 1933 Ann Richards is born.  
Page 13

1945 World War II ends and Ann's family moves back to Texas. Page 21

30 May 1953 Ann and David are married.  
Page 31

1971 Ann successfully runs Sarah Weddington's campaign for the Texas Legislature.  
Page 43

June 10, 1989 Ann announces that she will run for governor of Texas page 52

November 6, 1990 Ann is announced as the Governor of Texas. (month, day, year) page 59

### Using the Glossary pages 73-74

- |      |      |
|------|------|
| 1. C | 5. D |
| 2. A | 6. E |
| 3. F | 7. H |
| 4. B | 8. G |

### Book Test pages 18, 19

1. T page 25
  2. F page 19
  3. T pages 44, 47
  4. T page 29
  5. F page 39
  6. T page 47
  7. T page 48
  8. T page 55
  9. F page 67
  10. Grade student work
  11. A page 33 side bar
  12. B page 64
  13. D page 74
  14. D page 62
  15. A page 68
- ESSAYS

# Answer Key: Discussion Questions

## Chapter 1 Discussion pg 6

1. September 1, 1933 (pg 13) She had daily chores that included: cleaning each leaf on an ivy plant growing on the porch, scrubbing pots and pans, tending to the garden and animals, or anything else her mother needed help with (pg 16)
2. He dropped out of school during tenth grade and went to work to help support his siblings. He quickly rose through the company and eventually became a salesman where he developed relationships and trust with customers throughout his region due to his superior work ethic. (pg 14)
3. She was sensible and frugal. (pg 14)
4. Piano and public speaking lessons. (pg 16)
5. He helped a pregnant teacher keep her job. (pg 17)
6. Hunting, fishing, and listening to her father's stories. (pg 17)
7. Grade Students Conclusion

## Chapter 2 Discussion pg 8

1. Saving her family money and her relationship with Dave Richards. (pg 25)
2. She thought that David and Ann needed some distance since they were still young, and so David was sent to Andover on the east coast. (pg 26)
3. Chapel service was mandatory on a daily basis, religion courses were encouraged, and girls were not allowed to wear pants or shorts on campus. (pg 26)
4. A men's team from Texas A&M. (pg 29)
5. Because even though they won, the men's team received an invitation to West Point for a debate. When Ann told Professor Glenn Capp her feelings about it, he agreed and sent the girls to the Southern Speech Association tournament where they received recognition for their outstanding skills. (pg 29)
6. Ann didn't like her sorority because it was based more on background and what your family did for a living, so she quit. While David enjoyed his fraternity that focused more on parties and socializing. (pg 30)
7. She gave up the debate team, and although she continued with school she cooked, cleaned, and even worked part-time in a dress shop to help with living expenses. (pg 31)
8. David was elected as the president of the University of Texas Young Democrats. He did not know how to organize and conduct a meeting, so Ann was elected Parliamentarian due to her knowledge. She also co-founded the North Dallas Democratic Women. (pg 33, 35)
9. She was more liberal compared to the conservative views of most Texans. (pg 34, 36)

## Chapter 3 Discussion pg 11

1. Some of the laws that Weddington wanted to pass included: pregnancy leave, employment equality, and reforming rape laws to protect the victim appealed to Ann. (pg 39, 40)
2. Pregnancy leave, employment equality, and reforming rape laws to protect the victim. (pg 40)
3. Stuffing envelopes, and passing out yard signs and bumper stickers. (pg 42)
4. McMurry College (now University) (side bar pg 43)
5. The deaf, rape victims, families affected by Down's Syndrome, and battered women. (pg 46)
6. Yes (pg 47)
7. State Treasurer (pg 48)

## Chapter 4 Discussion pg 13

1. Her eight years as State Treasurer. (pg 52)
2. Campaign Smearing (pg 54)
3. Clayton Williams. (pg 55)
4. He refused to shake Richards' hand. (pg 58)
5. A T-shirt Ann raised when she won the election. The Dome refers to the capitol building in Austin. (pg 59, 60)

## Chapter 5 Discussion pg 15

1. The celebrations were cheap compared to the usual celebrations and the general public could attend. (pg 61)
2. Competent people, many of whom were women and minorities. (pg 62)
3. Ann's selection for the Railroad Commission. (pg 62)
4. She served on the United States House of Representatives' Judiciary Committee and had voted to impeach President Richard Nixon. (pg 64)
5. A law which moved money from wealthier school districts to poorer districts in an attempt to even out school funding. (pg 64)
6. General Motors, Tourism, and Entertainment Industry. (pg 66)
7. Grade Student's Work. (pg 68)