

## *Iron Jawed Angels*

Produced by Paula Weinstein , Len Amato, Robin Forman Lydia Dean Pilcher

Director: Katja von Garnier

USA : HBO Films,

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**Characters:** Alice Paul –lead

Lucy Burns – red headed best friend

Carrie Chapman Catt – NAWSA older leaders – Big hat/dark hair

Anna Howard Shaw – NAWSA older leader – gray hair

Inez Milholland-Boissevain- Labor leader who dies

Emily and Senator Leighton – senator who takes the children/she goes to jail

Ben Weissman – Alice Paul’s boyfriend with Washington Post

Ida Wells-Barnett – African American reformer who refused to walk in a segregated march

Woodrow Wilson – President 1912-1920

### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- Why were the suffragettes so divided?
- What were three tactics of Carrie Chapman Catt’s group NAWSA?
- What were four tactics of Alice Paul’s group?
- Who was the African American who wouldn’t join the parade and why won’t she?
- Why is it a big deal that they picketed for their rights in 1917-1920?
- Why did Alice reject Ben? Why is this in the film? Why did he have a son?
- Why does Inez’s death hit Alice so hard? Why is it in the movie?
- When they picketed the White House what were the charges?
- Why is Emily Leighton (Senator’s wife) in the story?
- Describe the treatment of the suffragettes in jail and the workhouse.

- Why did they go on a hunger strike?
- How did the message get out to the Senator about the conditions of the women in the work house?
- How did the war impact the fight for women's rights? Help? Hurt? Change the movement?
- Why Wilson is finally won over to the side of the suffragettes?
- What does the amendment say?
- What is the process to get the amendment to pass? Did the amendment have any setbacks? Explain.
- "If you want a war, here is your war" What does Alice Paul mean?
- Why did I show the film?