

## Agnes Macphail

*These questions can help to guide a student's viewing of the Agnes Macphail biography.*

1. When was Agnes Macphail first elected? In which riding?
2. What did reporters focus on when they covered Parliament? Why?
3. According to popular argument, what would happen if women got the vote?
4. Why didn't Agnes attend high school? What was her job from 1909 to 1919?
5. What was Agnes' theory about the economic conditions of farmers? What conclusions did she come to?
6. How was life different in Canada after the First World War?
7. What was the topic of Agnes' first speech in Parliament?
8. What issues did people expect Agnes to focus on? What did she concentrate on instead?
9. What did Canadians over seventy years old get in 1925?
10. Why do you think society focused so much attention on her relationship with Bob Gardiner? Why didn't Agnes marry him?
11. What were some of the opinions Agnes expressed in her role as a delegate to the League of Nations International Disarmament Committee?
12. What did the League run out of 1930? Explain the significance of this.
13. What does CCF stand for?
14. What were prison conditions like at this time? How does Agnes discover them?
15. How did the opposition try to discredit her attempts at prison reform? How did Agnes diffuse the issue?
16. Explain the issues encountered in the 1940 elections, when Agnes lost for the first time in nineteen years.
17. Why don't we have elections in the winter?