

Discussion Prompts

Woodrow Wilson



Here are questions and statements to discuss with your partner. Use details and inferences from the passage to support your ideas. You may jot down notes on this page to remind you of your discussion.

1. Discuss and evaluate Wilson's attitude toward African Americans.
2. Find details that show that Wilson was both a forceful public figure and a shy man.
3. How did Wilson's first wife, Ellen, fit the role of a subservient woman?
4. How and why did Wilson's mood change after he married Edith?
5. Explain how during the war Wilson and Edith set an example for Americans.
6. Why was it ironic that Edith took over Wilson's duties when he had a stroke?
7. What do you learn about Edith when you read that she refused to let Wilson resign?
8. What is a central idea in "Woodrow Wilson"?