## Wallace Women Discovery Kit

### Where in Time are Susan and Zerelda?

Best for Grades 4-8

### Goal: understand the historical period in which specific people lived

Susan and Zerelda Wallace made a difference in the time they lived, and they also were affected by things that went on around them. In this game, students will move around to help each other figure out exactly where Susan and Zerelda fit into the timeline. Needed supplies: Event cards (in the kit), 30 minutes

- 1) Pass out one event card to each student. If there are more students than cards, pair students before passing them out. (2 minutes)
- 2) Students must read the event on their card and put all the cards in chronological order. Some have years, but for those that do not students must use context clues to figure out where they fit. (10 minutes)
- 3) When finished, students should be standing to make a timeline. If there is time, students can read the events in order. (5 minutes)
- 4) Discuss the changes that occurred over the lifetimes of Susan and Zerelda. What things were invented? What laws were made? How were minorities (blacks, women, etc.) treated? (15 minutes)

#### Variations:

- Tell all students what year their event happened so they can put the numbers in order.
- Separate the class into 2 teams and give each team a stack of event cards. The teams race to put their events in the correct order.

### English/Language Arts Standards

- 1. Reading Word Recognition, Fluency, and Vocabulary Development: Students use their knowledge of word parts and context clues to determine the meaning of words.
- **2. Reading Comprehension**: Students read a variety of grade-level-appropriate narrative and expository texts.

#### **Social Studies Standards**

- 1. History: Students will trace the historical periods, places, people, events, and movements that have lead to the development of Indiana as a state.
- 2. Civics and Government: Students will explain key ideas in government that continue to shape civic and political life; use inquiry and communication skills to report findings in charts, graphs, written and verbal forms.
- 5. Individuals, Society and Culture: Students will examine the interaction between individual and group behavior in community life.

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### Wallace Women Timeline

Indiana becomes the 19th state in 1816.

Zerelda Wallace is born in 1817.

Lew Wallace is born in 1827.

Susan Elston (Wallace) is born 3 years after her husband Lew Wallace. (1830)

At age 20, Zerelda becomes the youngest first lady (governor's wife) of Indiana. (1837)

The US goes to war with Mexico in 1846.

The first women's rights convention in the US is held in New York in 1848.

Zerelda's husband, David, dies 2 years before the Civil War starts. (1859)

The Civil War lasts from 1861 to 1865.

President Abraham Lincoln is assassinated just after the Civil War. (1865)

Black men get the right to vote 5 years after slavery ends. (1870)

Almost 10 years after the Civil War, Zerelda helps found the Women's Christian Temperance Union to discourage drinking alcohol. (1874)

Alexander Graham Bell invented the first telephone in 1876.

Susan becomes first lady (governor's wife) of New Mexico Territory in 1878.

Lew makes a deal with Billy the Kid as governor of New Mexico Territory. (1879)

Zerelda testifies before the US Senate on women's right to vote in 1880.

After Zerelda speaks to the US Senate, Lew leaves for Turkey to serve as ambassador. (1881)

In 1882, Susan becomes one of the first American women to see the place where Jesus was born.

Susan and Lew move back to Crawfordsville from Turkey. (1883)

Susan's book The Land of the Pueblos is published in 1888.

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The first gasoline powered car in America is driven in 1893.

Lew Wallace works in his study after it is finished in 1898.

While Lew writes in his study, Susan writes books, poems, and articles in their house. (1898-1905)

Zerelda dies in 1901.

Lew dies in 1905

Susan and her friend Mary Hannah Kraut work to finish Lew's autobiography after his death. (1906)

Susan dies in 1907.

New Mexico becomes a state in 1912.

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