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Writing Prompts and Activities

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1. Brainstorm a list of rights and restrictions

2. Writing Prompt (Formal Essay): How have women's rights and everyday lives changed from the late 19th century to today? (Consider what has changed and not changed, and how the lives of rural women are different from those of more educated, urban women.)

3. Writing Prompts (Creative Writing): Students should choose ONE of the following creative writing assignments. Regardless of their choice, they need to include 5 specific facts related to women's lives in Iran.

A. Television talk show script: An American talk show host is interviewing a mother who grew up during the time of Mohammad Reza and her daughter who grew up after the revolution. The theme is the changes in women's lives in Iran.

B. Write two (fictional) diary entries: From the point of view of a teenage girl living in Iran in 1938, write a diary entry describing a typical day at home and at school. Then, write another diary entry from the point of view of a different teenage girl living in Iran in 2018,