ANNA ARNOLD AND ETHEL RAY: RENAISSANCE WOMEN

Discussion Questions

1. What were some of the early influences on Anna Arnold Hedgeman’s and Ethel Ray Nance’s personalities?

2. What events inspired Anna Arnold Hedgeman to become a civil rights activist?

3. How did Anna Arnold Hedgeman and Ethel Ray Nance take part in the Harlem Renaissance? Do you think they would have had different roles had they been born later?

4. In what organizations did Anna Arnold Hedgeman participate? Do you think her work with those organizations is more or less important than some of the better-known Civil Rights leaders?

Think About: Historically, people like Anna Arnold Hedgeman and Ethel Ray Nance are often overlooked. Why is that? What does that say about our values as a society?