



**LENA SMITH:
FEARLESS AND FROM THE WEST**
Discussion Questions

Name: _____

Date: _____

1. What were some of the jobs that Lena Smith had before she became a lawyer? Professional African-American women were rare in the early 1900's. What do Lena's multiple careers say about her?
2. Lena Smith lost her discrimination case against the Pantages Theater, but this was still considered a triumph for early civil rights activism. Why is that?
3. Why do you think Lena Smith wore such formal, masculine clothes? What might her reasons for that have been?
4. How did Lena Smith help turn the tide for the Lees?
5. What type of person was Lena Smith? How are you similar to her? Which of her characteristics do you wish you had more of?



Think About: How might history have been different if Lena Smith had encouraged the Lees to move?