

Extra Credit for Fern Holland

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Website: [One Hundred Years Toward Suffrage](#). A timeline of Women's Suffrage compiled by the National American Woman Suffrage Association.

Website: [Women's Rights](#). Focuses on issues effecting women around the world.

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Book: Hurley, Jennifer A. (Ed.) *Islam: Opposing Viewpoints*. San Diego, CA.: Greenhaven Press, c2001.

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Website: [War in Iraq](#) From MSNBC; many interactive features and expanded coverage

Fun Stuff

[Fern Holland Criss Cross](#)

[Fern Holland Word Search](#)

Teaching Resources

Discussion Questions

- By what deeply-held belief was Fern Holland guided?
- Why did Fern's friends call her "fearless Fern"?
- What were some of the jobs Fern had before she went to Iraq? What characteristics do at least two of these jobs have in common?
- Why did the Iraqi extremists disapprove of Fern?
- Why do you think Fern risked her life to do her job? Would you do the same thing? Why or why not?
- What is your understanding of what the Peace Corps does? How does the article about the Peace Corp relate to Fern Holland's life?
- The chapter discusses the role of women in Iraq. Fern Holland was a strong female "warrior." Do you have a strong female role model? Your role model may be someone you know personally or someone famous. What characteristics does your role model have that you would like to emulate?