Lesson: Margaret Rutledge

Lesson Activity 2: Vancouver Sun Article

**Vancouver’s Women Fliers Drop ‘Pamphlets’ on City**

**Vancouver was successfully bombed from the air Wednesday when four smiling members of Vancouver’s famous “Flying Seven” winged a spectacular course over the city to release 100,000 “bomphlets” appealing to citizens to support the Vancouver Air Supremacy Drive.**

**The ladies came across the city in two flights to scatter the handbills from New Westminster to English Bay. Sirens wailed throughout the city as the sky filled with the fluttering bits of paper.**

**“Smash the Nazi” read the handbills, and “Swing in behind Vancouver Air Supremacy Drive.” The pamphlets, which appealed for “dimes or dollars to buy our boys more planes,” were donated to the drive committee.**

**A Strong southeast wind, combined with a civic ruling forbidding airplanes to fly over the city lower that 3000 feet, partially destroyed the effectiveness of the attack by widely scattering the “bomphlets” and sweeping many of them into English Bay and the waters of Burrard Inlet.**

(***Vancouver Sun***, Thursday, June 30, 1940)

**Student Written Activity: writing a Letter to the Editor of Vancouver Sun**

Assume two individuals, one of them an early feminist, watched as the Margaret and the “Flying Seven” dropped “bombphlets” on Vancouver on Wednesday, June 19, 1940, in the early days of the Second World War. The event was described the next day in “Vancouver’s Women Fliers Drop ‘Pamphlets’ on City,” in the *Vancouver Sun* newspaper. Read the copy of the article. Write two separate short (100 - 150 words) Letters to the Editor of the *Vancouver Sun* reacting to the event and to the article. The two letters are dated at two different times and should reveal different viewpoints or perspectives on the same event.

* The first letter must be from the feminist, dated Friday, July 1, 1940.
* The second is written by a person of your choosing (a businessman, a married woman, etc.). This letter should not only provide opinion on the Flying Seven event, but also take into account what the feminist wrote. Date this second letter Monday, July 4, 1940.