

Human Rights Now English book club:

Half the Sky

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Topics and lesson schedule

Please purchase the book and read the pages in the schedule below in advance. Come to the meetings ready to ask questions, discuss the passages, and deepen your understanding of the reading! If there is anything you do not understand, don't worry! Our facilitators are here to help guide your understanding and help answer your questions!

Please note that the **mandatory** readings are what we will be directly discussing in each session. **Optional** readings are not necessary to read, but may help your understanding of the topic.

| Date | Topic | Assigned Reading |
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| First session 14 May 2018 | Introduction to Women's Rights | Mandatory: <i>Emancipating Twenty-First Century Slaves</i> (p. 3 - 22) Optional: <i>Introduction: The Girl Effect</i> |
| Second session 28 May 2018 | Human Trafficking & Prostitution | Mandatory: - <i>Prohibition & Prostitution</i> (p. 23 - 34) - <i>Learning to Speak Up</i> (p. 47 - 53) Optional: <i>Rescuing Girls is the Easy Part</i> (p. 35 - 45) |
| Third session 11 June 2018 | Sexual Violence | Mandatory: - <i>Rule by Rape</i> (p. 61 - 69) - <i>Mukhtar's School</i> (p. 70-79) Optional: <i>The New Abolitionists</i> (p. 54 - 60) |
| Fourth session 25 June 2018 | Women's Rights & Religion | Mandatory: - <i>The Shame of 'Honor'</i> (p. 81- 87) - <i>Is Islam Misogynistic?</i> (p. 149 - 160) Optional: <i>The Afghan Insurgent</i> (p. 161 - 165) |

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| Fifth session 09 July 2018 | Educating Girls | Mandatory: <i>-Investing in Education (167-178)</i> <i>-Microcredit: The Financial Revolution (185-198)</i> Optional: <i>The Axis of Equality (205-215)</i> |
| Sixth session 30 July 2018 | Equality Issues | Mandatory: <i>-Grassroots v. Treetops (221 - 229)</i> <i>-What can you do? (233-254)</i> Optional: <i>-Girls helping Girls (230-232)</i> |