A *Farewell to Arms* and The Dole Archives
Topic and Discussion Guide Using Archival Collections

**War & Wounding**
Like Frederic Henry in WWI, Senator Dole was stationed and wounded in Italy, where he fought in WWII.

Using our collection of family letters from the 1940s, Dole’s autobiography *One Soldier’s Story*, and personal artifacts, interesting parallels can be drawn between the war time experiences of these two men – one fact and one fictional – and across two different wars. Please visit [http://dolearchivecollections.ku.edu/collections/wwii_letters/](http://dolearchivecollections.ku.edu/collections/wwii_letters/) for an online sample of the Dole Family WWII Letters and corresponding photographs and objects.

**Veterans’ Rights**
Veterans’ rights are a discussion that needs to go hand-in-hand with war. As a decorated veteran of WWII, Senator Dole has been committed to America’s veterans throughout his career.

Through our collections your class can explore various legislative topics on veterans dating from the 1960s when Senator Dole was serving in the House of Representatives. Educational benefits, health care and VA hospitals, as well as MIAs and POWs in Vietnam are some of the topics found in the Dole Archives. We also have a large amount of constituent mail in this subject area which provides a window into the opinions of Kansans and Americans across the country.

**Alcohol & Drug Abuse**
Alcohol plays a prominent part in *A Farewell to Arms* and a common opinion is that the book sentimentalizes drinking.

The Dole Archives holds legislative files and constituent mail pertaining to alcohol and drug abuse throughout the latter part of the 20th century. Our records could help shape a discussion around the alcohol usage featured in the novel.

**Portrayal of Women in Hemingway Novels**
Ernest Hemingway’s work is often criticized for the portrayals of women – they are underdeveloped characters and depict only traditional gender roles.

Come discuss women’s rights and feminism through our collections, which has files on the Equal Rights Amendment; women in the military, science, business, and technology; as well as campaign perspectives and platforms on women’s issues.