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### STUDY GUIDE: A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN

On a separate sheet of paper answer each of the following questions in a thoughtful and thorough fashion. (Each is worth 3 points):

- 1) Under what circumstances was the All-American Girls Baseball League created? Would it possibly have existed otherwise? Explain.
- 2) What in the title given the league is in itself degrading to female athletes? Explain.
- 3) In scouting talent for the teams, the Jon Lovitz character at first refuses to invite a potential player to try-out, despite her obvious abilities. Why do you think this was so? Is such a standard for job selection still a factor today? Explain.
- 4) Aside from practicing their baseball skills on the field, what other training requirements were the players required to undergo? What was the reasoning behind this?
- 5) What was the reaction of the players to the design of the uniforms? Why do you suppose they reacted this way?
- 6) What was the initial reception to the League? Had this attitude had changed by the end of the film? What was the cause for the change? Explain.
- 7) The Tom Hanks character is given the job of manager for what reason?
- 8) Consider the line, "There's no crying in baseball!" What does this tell you about how the Hanks character viewed his players? How does this relate to career choices outside of sports?
- 9) What indication does the movie give that the AAGBL's place in professional baseball will be forever remembered?
- 10) As with the push for voting rights, the recognition due women in professional sports has been a slow and tedious struggle. Briefly compare professional women's baseball of the 1940's to the WNBA which exists today?