

## **Webquest**

### **Women's Suffrage and the 20<sup>th</sup> century**

**Introduction:** The Declaration of Sentiments listed a number of grievances women had against our patriarchal society. Many suffragists had gathered together during tea parties to discuss the many ways society was treating women as social inferiors to men. One solution many women felt would advance their cause was the vote. The Seneca Falls Convention in 1848 was organized to advance the cause of women's rights. The 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, giving women the right to vote, was passed as a result of the efforts of several suffragists including Matilda Joslyn Gage, Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott and Alice Paul to name a few. The vote was to bring political power to women so that they could pass laws that would achieve greater equality with men in the several facets of their lives. Since the implementation of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, women have still felt it necessary to strive for further equality in many areas.

**Task:** Join the current day suffrage movement. You will be invited to a tea party in which you will have to present a power point that evaluates the women's rights movement to date. You will be one of several feminists to present a power point which will identify a problem that exists in today's society relating to women's rights, provide evidence that the problem exists, determine the causes of the equality problem and then evaluate the problem. Create a power point that addresses one of the following topics: female treatment in politics, religion, equal opportunity in sports and education, pay equity, reproductive rights, freedom from sexual harassment, counteracting stereotypes- better role models, and stiffer penalties for sexual assault. Or, come up with your own problem but make sure you okay it with your teacher.

#### **Process:**

[Step 1 Identify the problem](#) - Choose from a problem provided or choose one of your own

[Step 2 Gathering the evidence](#) – Complete the worksheet #2 provided

[Step 3 Determine the causes](#) – Complete the worksheet #3 provided

[Step 4 Evaluate the problem](#) - Complete the worksheet #4 provided

Write toast.

#### **Resources:**

Political inequality  
Religious inequality  
Equal opportunity in sports  
Equal opportunity in education  
Pay equity  
Reproductive rights

Freedom from sexual harassment  
Counteracting stereotypes- better role models  
Stiffer penalties for sexual assault

**Evaluation Rubric**

**Toast**