

The Rights of Women

Define SUFFRAGE:

Summarize each of the following sections from your textbook in the spaces provided below:

Women Vote in the West In the late 1800s women won the right to vote in 4 western states: Wyoming, Utah, Colorado & Idaho. Pioneer women had been working alongside men to build farms & cities. By giving women the vote at least in local or state elections, these states recognized the women's contribution.

Growing Support Early 1900s support for women's suffrage grew. More than 5 million women worked outside the home. Paid less than men but still wages gave some power. Carrie Chapman Catt devised a plan to win suffrage, state by state. Suffragists across the nation followed her plan & brought steady gains. One by one states in the west & Midwest gave women the right to vote.

The 19th Amendment Still, in some states, women could not vote in federal elections. More women joined the call for a federal amendment to allow voting in all elections. Alice Paul, suffragist, met with President Wilson in 1913 - Wilson pledged support for an amendment.
1919 - Congress passed the 19th Amendment guaranteeing women the right to vote.

Higher Education few women managed to get the higher education needed to enter a profession.
1877 - Boston University granted the first Ph.D to a woman
1900 - the nation had 1,000 women lawyers and 7,000 women doctors

Women's Clubs during late 1800s many women joined women's clubs. Most, at first, read books & sought other ways to advance their knowledge - many became reformers - raised money for libraries, schools & parks. pressed for law that protected women & children, to ensure pure food & drugs, and to win the vote. African American women National Association of Colored Women - battled against segregation

Women Reformers social work - helping the poor in cities.
Florence Kelley investigated conditions in sweatshops - she was made chief factory inspector for Illinois. Her main concern was child labor - organized the boycott of goods produced in factories that employed young children

The Crusade Against Alcohol 1800s temperance movement gained strength
1874 - Women's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU) - Frances Willard spoke about the evils alcohol - wanted state ban & saloons closed
1917 - Congress passes the 18th Amendment - enforcing prohibition