Lesson Plans

and Other Resources for Educators

Lesson Plans K - 5

Mama Went to Jail for the Vote tells the story of the woman suffrage movement from the perspective of a young girl named Susan Elizabeth. Explore the story by reading together and then try some of these fun activities to learn more about the people who earned the right to vote for women all over America.

<u>Call for Change</u> leads students through an investigation of the women's suffrage movement in New York State as an example of how different groups of people have gained equal rights and freedoms over time.

Lesson Plans 6 - 8

<u>Movers and Shakers</u> is one of several lesson plans available from the Alice Paul Institute. In this lesson, students examine and compare the use of media in the suffrage movement to the use of media in modern political movements.

<u>Chronicling and Mapping the Women's Suffrage Movement</u> brings together digital mapping and the Chronicling America newspaper database as part of an inquiry into how and where the women's suffrage movement took place in the United States.

<u>Women's Lives Before the Civil War</u> investigates the influence women had in shaping the attitudes towards slavery and women's suffrage.

Women's Rights - What Does it Mean to Be Equal? This inquiry examines the emergence of the women's suffrage movement in the 19th century as an effort to expand women's political and economic rights, and it extends that investigation into the present.

Lesson Plans 5 - 12

Who Were the Foremothers of Women's Suffrage and Equality Movements? Grounded in the critical inquiry question "Who's missing?" and in the interest of bringing more perspectives to who the suffrage movement included, this resource will help to ensure that students learn about some of the lesser-known activists who, like Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott, and Susan B. Anthony, participated in the formative years of the women's rights movement.

<u>Women's Theater Program: The Suffragist</u> This set of three classroom videos, along with supporting lesson plans, examines the actions taken by suffragists in 1917 as they fought to win the right to vote. <u>Click here</u> for an additional educator's guide.

Woman Suffrage and the 19th Amendment Students Access primary sources and activities for a unit on the suffrage movement, from the Seneca Falls Convention to the passage of the 19th Amendment.

Women's Suffrage: Their Rights and Nothing Less Women obtained the right to vote nationwide in 1920. Before 1920, only criminals, the insane, Native Americans, and women were denied the vote. The modern woman's suffrage movement began in the 1840s with the Seneca Falls Convention. How did it happen and why?

Lesson Plans 9 - 12

<u>Women's Suffrage</u> By investigating the compelling question "Was the vote enough?" students evaluate both sides of the early twentieth century quest to expand suffrage to women.

<u>Teaching Tolerance – the 19th Amendment</u> The overall goal of this series is for students to explore the complicated history of voting rights in the United States.

Other Educational Resources

How Women Won the Vote: The Best Books about the U.S. Suffrage Movement for Kids and Adults

National Endowment for the Humanities This site offers classroom-ready lessons and educational materials for K-12 education.

<u>The 19th Amendment: 100 Years</u> Early suffragists spent years, and in some cases entire lifespans, advocating for the right to vote. The National Park Service looks back on those stories.

National Education Association – the 19th Amendment The lessons, activities, and resources at this site help mark an important step in recognizing equal rights for all citizens.



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