

## Participant Lesson Plan

**Title:** "Life Choices of the Suffragettes"



**Grade Level:** Sixth grade level

**Time Frame:** Three 45 minute class periods

**Subject:** Pennsylvania History

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### National Center for History in the Schools Historic Era:

Era 6: The Development of the Industrial United States

Era 7: The Emergence of Modern America (1890-1930)

### Pennsylvania Academic Standards:

8.3.6.C. United States History

Explain how continuity and change has influenced United States history from Beginnings to 1824.

- Women's Movement (e.g., roles and changing status of women, Margaret Brent's vote, soldier Deborah Sampson)

### Objectives:

The Women's Movement in the late 1800's was an important beginning to changes in United States History for women today. The right to vote was obtained by the struggles of many women. The lifestyles of all women were changed drastically. After women won the right to vote when the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment was adopted in 1920. In this lesson students will

- a. Analyze descriptions of the lifestyles of women in the late 1800's
- b. Understand several goals of the suffragettes

### **Learning Activities:**

**Focus Activity:** Today's young women have the freedom when they graduate from high school to choose whatever career they desire. Women and girls in the late 1800's were not permitted the same freedom as men. Look at the photo "A Graduate's Dream". What do you see in the picture? Is it a scary dream? Write a short paragraph the girl might write about her dream.

**Inquiry Activity:** Carrie Chapman Catt was a noted leader in the Women's Suffrage movement. As president of the National American Women's Suffrage Association in 1900, she gave many lectures and speeches. Read the third page of "Do You Know", by Carrie Chapman Catt. Make a list of some of the ideas that Carrie and others had about the inequalities women faced. (Note: This may be provided to students as a handout or the document may be viewed online.)

**Application Activity:** Look at the photo, "The Sky is Her Limit". What do you see? Is this photo meaningful today? Participate in a class discussion about women's rights. Then, using what you have learned, draw a poster that might have been used by the suffragettes in the early 1900's.

### **Assessment:**

The following 10-point scale would be used for each activity-- the paragraph, the list, and the poster. In total students may earn 30 points.

- 1 point: turning in assignment on time
- 1 point: neatness
- 5 points: content
- 3 points: creativity

## Bibliographic Organizer

### Life Choices of the Suffragettes

Thumbnail Image	Title	Library of Congress URL
	<p>The Sky is Her Limit</p>	<p><b>The sky is now her limit] / Bushnell.</b> [1920 Oct.]  <b>SUMMARY</b> Cartoon showing a <b>woman</b> carrying buckets on a yoke, looking up at ladder ascending up to the sky, bottom rungs labeled "Slavery," "House Drudgery," and "Shop Work." Top rungs labeled "Equal Suffrage," "Wage Equity," and "Presidency."  <b>NOTES</b> Illus. in: New York times current history; a monthly magazine. New York : New York times company, 1920 October, p. 142. Published in: American <b>women</b> : a Library of Congress guide for the study of women's history and culture in the United States / edited by Sheridan Harvey ... [et al.]. Washington : Library of Congress, 2001, p. 8.  <b>MEDIUM</b> 1 photomechanical print.  <b>REPOSITORY</b> Library of Congress Washington, D.C. 20540 USA  <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/ppmsca.02919">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/ppmsca.02919</a></p>
	<p>Do You Know? By Carrie Chapman Catt</p>	<p><b>Woman suffrage and politics; the inner story of the suffrage movement, by Carrie Chapman Catt and Nettie Rogers Shuler.</b>  <b>CREATED/PUBLISHED</b>  New York, C. Scribner's sons, 1926.  <b>SUMMARY</b> This book addresses the question of why women in twenty-six other countries received the right to vote before American women were enfranchised. The authors blame the liquor lobby for the delay.  <b>NOTES</b> First published 1923.  <b>MEDIUM</b> xii, 504 p. 21 cm.  <b>PART OF</b> National American Woman Suffrage Association Collection (Library of Congress)  <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.rbc/rbnawsa.n6874">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.rbc/rbnawsa.n6874</a></p>

	<p>Suffragettes Picketing</p>	<p><b>TITLE:</b> [Picketing in all sorts of weather. N.Y. Day Picket]</p> <p><b>SUMMARY:</b> Three <b>women</b> picketing for <b>woman suffrage</b> in front of the White House.</p> <p><b>MEDIUM:</b> 1 photographic print.</p> <p><b>CREATED/PUBLISHED:</b> [1917 Jan. 26]</p> <p><b>NOTES:</b> Photoprint loaned by National Woman's Party, Wash., D.C. Reference copy may be available in SSF - <b>WOMAN--RIGHTS...</b></p> <p>This record contains unverified, old data from caption card, with subsequent revisions. Title and date taken from version of image that appears in American Memory online site, "<b>Women of Protest.</b>"</p> <p>Caption card tracings: Pol. parties--N- W-; Picketing; DC, Wash.--Misc.--ca. 1916; <b>Woman--Suffrage--ca. 1916</b>; Geogr; Shelf.</p> <p><b>REPOSITORY:</b> Library of Congress Prints and Photographs Division Washington, D.C. 20540 US</p> <p><a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/cph.3a00941">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/cph.3a00941</a></p>
	<p>A Graduate's Dream</p>	<p><b>For the benefit of the girl about to graduate / Charles Howard Johnson.</b> <a href="#">Johnson, Charles Howard</a>, artist. [1890]</p> <p><b>SUMMARY</b> Woman in graduation robes sleeping at desk, as pots, pans, and other household utensils on legs walk threateningly towards her.</p> <p><b>NOTES</b> Illus. in: Life. New York, N.Y., 1890 May 22, pp. 298-299. Published in: American <b>women</b> : a Library of Congress guide for the study of women's history and culture in the United States / edited by Sheridan Harvey ... [et al.]. Washington : Library of Congress, 2001, p. xxviii.</p> <p><b>MEDIUM</b> 1 print : lithograph.</p> <p><b>CALL NUMBER</b> Illus. in Microfilm 05422 no. 500-532 AP</p> <p><b>REPRODUCTION NUMBER</b> LC-DIG-ppmsca-02944 DLC (scan from b&amp;w copy photo in Publishing Office) LC-USZ62-58805 DLC (b&amp;w film copy neg.)</p> <p><b>REPOSITORY</b> Library of Congress Microform Reading Room Washington, D.C. 20540 USA <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/ppmsca.02944">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/ppmsca.02944</a></p>