LUCRETIA COFFIN IS BORN 1793 IN MASSACHUSETTS. SHE STUDIES AT A QUAKER SCHOOL IN NEW YORK, THEN BECOMES A TEACHER.

IN 1811 SHE MARries JAMES MOTT. THEY MOVE TO PHILADELPHIA, AND SHE IS MADE A QUAKER MINISTER IN 1821.

WE CAN EXPRESS OUR MORALITY IN THE FREE PRODUCE EFFORT: NO BUYING COTTON OR SUGAR MADE BY ENSLAVED PEOPLE!

THE Motts HELP START AN ANTI-SLAVERY SOCIETY IN 1833. LUCRETIA IS AN OUTSPOKEN LEADER.

WAIT — MALE TEACHERS GET PAID MORE?!?

WELCOME TO FREEDOM!

BUT MOTT AND OTHER WOMEN ARE NOT ALLOWED TO TALK AT AN ANTI-SLAVERY EVENT IN LONDON IN 1840.

MOTT AND OTHER WOMEN MUST SIT APART FROM THE MEN AND LISTEN FROM BEHIND A CURTAIN!

WOMEN ARE UNFIT FOR THE SERIOUS DEBATES OF THIS PUBLIC MEETING! THEIR ROLE IS AT HOME!

MOTT BECOMES FRIENDS WITH ELIZABETH CADY STANTON AT THE LONDON EVENT.

YOU HAVE THE SAME RIGHT TO THINK FOR YOURSELF THAT LUTHER, CALVIN, OR ANY MAN HAS — THE SAME RIGHT TO BE GUIDED BY YOUR OWN THOUGHTS AND BELIEFS!

MOTT HAS TEA WITH STANTON IN JULY 1848 AND AGREES TO STANTON’S IDEA FOR A WOMEN’S RIGHTS CONVENTION. THEY WRITE A “DECLARATION OF SENTIMENTS” TO DISCUSS AT THE EVENT...

A FEW WEEKS AGO, FIVE OF 84 DELEGATES IN THE LIBERTY PARTY WANTED ME TO RUN AS VICE PRESIDENT ON THEIR TICKET?!? I HAVE NO TASTE FOR ELECTIONS, BUT I HAVE GREAT FAITH IN ELIZABETH’S PLANS.
ELIZABETH CADY STANTON  FRAMER OF THE MOVEMENT

ELIZABETH CADY IS BORN 1815 IN UPSTATE NEW YORK. SHE GETS AN EDUCATION, BUT BEYOND SCHOOL SHE FINDS VERY FEW CHOICES.

WAIT—WE WOMEN GET ALMOST NO PROPERTY RIGHTS??!

ALL I HEAR IS: NO, NO, NO!

SHE LEARNS MORE BY READING HER DAD'S LAW BOOKS.

SHE MEETS HENRY STANTON AT ANTI-SLavery MEETINGS.

THEY MARRY IN 1840.

I'M NOT HERE TO JUST MAKE PUDDING AND DO FINE STITCHERY, HENRY.

ON THEIR HONEYMOON, THE STANTONS GO TO THE ANTI-SLavery CONFERENCE IN LONDON. ELIZABETH IS SHOCKED WHEN FEMALE DELEGATES ARE NOT ALLOWED TO SPEAK.

MAN'S INTELLECTUAL SUPERIORITY CAN'T BE DECIDED UNTIL WOMEN HAVE HAD A FAIR CHANCE FIRST!

THE MEN ARE CRUSHING OUR PRIDE! THIS IS HUMILIATING.

SHE BECOMES FRIENDS WITH LUCRETIA MOTT AT THE LONDON EVENT.

START BY READING WOLLSTONECRAFT AND FRAN WRIGHT.

LET'S HOLD A CONFERENCE IN AMERICA TO CALL FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS TO BE LEGALLY RECOGNIZED!!

THE STANTONS MOVE TO THE LITTLE TOWN OF SENeca FALLS IN UPSTATE NEW YORK. IT'S WAY TOO QUIET FOR ELIZABETH, NOW A MOTHER.

I AM SUFFERING FROM MENTAL HUNGER.

BOYS! WASH!!

WHEN MOTT VISITS THE AREA IN JULY 1848, STANTON PLEADS WITH HER AND OTHER WOMEN TO HELP HOST A PUBLIC MEETING FOR PROTEST AND DEBATE. THE WOMEN AGREE...

IT IS REMARKABLE THAT MEN WHO FEEL SO KEENLY THE WRONGS DONE TO SLAVES ARE SO FOGGED TO WRONGS DONE TO THEIR OWN MOTHERS, WIVES, AND SISTERS!
FREDERICK IS BORN ABOUT 1818 TO A WOMAN ENSLAVED ON A PLANTATION ON MARYLAND’S EASTERN SHORE.

WHEN HIS MOM DIES, HE IS SENT TO BALTIMORE TO BE A HOUSE SERVANT.

IN 1838 HE DRESSES AS A FREE SAILOR AND ESCAPES TO NEW YORK!

I CAN LEARN AS MUCH AS TOMMY BY COPYING HIS NOTEBOOK—SECRETLY!

I HAVE ESCAPED FROM A DEN OF HUNGRY LIONS!

HE MARRIES ANNA MURRAY. THEY CHOOSE A NEW LAST NAME: DOUGLASS.

FREDERICK BECOMES A FAMOUS SPEAKER. IN 1843 HE GOES ON A SIX-MONTH TOUR TO SPEAK AGAINST SLAVERY.

AN INDIANA MOB ATTACKS HIM AND BREAKS HIS HAND!

IN 1845 HE PUBLISHES HIS AUTOBIOGRAPHY. IT IS A BIG BESTSELLER!

IT’S TOO POPULAR. I NEED TO VISIT ENGLAND TO BE SAFE FROM SLAVECATCHERS.

NO MORE! WE’VE BOUGHT YOUR LEGAL FREEDOM!

DOUGLASS RETURNS IN 1847 TO START AN ANTI-SLAVERY NEWSPAPER IN ROCHESTER, NEW YORK.

RIGHT IS OF NO ONE SEX, TRUTH IS OF NO ONE COLOR, GOD IS FATHER OF US ALL!

DOUGLASS IS IN THE WESTERN NEW YORK ANTI-SLAVERY SOCIETY WITH ELIZABETH M’CLINTOCK. SHE INVITES HIM TO A WOMEN’S RIGHTS CONVENTION SHE IS HELPING TO ORGANIZE...

IT IS COMMON SENSE THAT THOSE WHO SUFFER INJUSTICE MUST HAVE THE VOICE TO FIGHT IT! IT IS TIME FOR WOMEN TO FIGHT THE DENS OF VILLANY THAT THEY MUST FACE EVERY DAY.
THE SENECA FALLS CONVENTION

JUST LIKE MOST OF THE 72 YEARS BEFORE, IN 1848 PEOPLE CELEBRATE JULY 4 BY READING THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.

...ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL!

PEOPLE IN SENECA FALLS, NEW YORK, GATHER IN AN ORCHARD TO HEAR IT — AT A TIME WHEN REVOLUTIONS IN SEVERAL NATIONS ARE COPYING AMERICA'S EXAMPLE.

ON JULY 11 AN AD IN A SENECA COUNTY NEWSPAPER SAYS:

A convention to discuss the social, civil, and religious condition and rights of woman will be held in the Wesleyan Chapel on July 19th and 20th, commencing at 10 a.m.

-- some fierce Quaker reformers

MOTT WORRIES THAT THE DEMAND FOR VOTING RIGHTS GOES TOO FAR.

LIZZIE, YOU MAY MAKE THE WHOLE EVENT A JOKE!

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MOST OF THE 300 PEOPLE WHO SHOW UP ARE FROM THE SENECA FALLS AREA.

IT IS GROSSLY INSULTING TO HAVE MEN WHO ARE FOOLS OR HORSE-RACING ROWDIES ABLE TO VOTE WHILE WOMEN ARE THRU OUT OF ALL THE RIGHTS THAT BELONG TO AN AMERICAN CITIZEN! THE RIGHT TO VOTE MUST BE OURS. USE IT WE WILL! OUR PENS, OUR TONGUES, AND OUR FORTUNES MUST BE GIVEN TO WIN THIS!

LUCRETIA MOTT SPEAKS A FEW TIMES THE FIRST DAY. THE DECLARATION OF SENTIMENTS IS READ BY ELIZABETH Cady STANTON.

... AND MEN FORCE US TO SUBMIT TO LAWS THAT WE HAD NO VOICE IN FORMING!!

FREDERICK DOUGLASS BACKS HER UP:

ALL THAT MARKS MAN AS SMART IS EQUALLY TRUE OF WOMAN. IF GOVERNMENT IS BEST WITH CONSENT OF THOSE WHO ARE GOVERNED, THEN THERE IS NO REASON TO DENY WOMEN THE VOTE ON OUR GOVERNMENT!

BOTH ARE CONVINCING: 100 OF THE 300 PEOPLE THERE SIGN THE DECLARATION — WHICH INCLUDES THE DEMAND FOR VOTING RIGHTS!
ISABELLA BOMBREE IS BORN IN 1797 INTO SLAVERY NEAR Poughkeepsie, New York.

She is bought and sold four times. She is made to do hard labor and as a teen gives birth to the first of five children. In 1827 she escapes to freedom.

She helps the poor in New York City for 15 years, then changes her name for a new mission: God calls me to travel, speaking as "Sojourner Truth".

She does not go to the Women's Rights Meet in Seneca Falls, New York, in 1848. But my friend Fred Douglass goes!

The people who hate slavery and support women's rights are fighting harder these days.

Sojourner Truth goes to a Women's Rights Conference in Akron, Ohio, in 1851.

When a man says women cannot be equal to men because women are weaker, she replies:

I have as much muscle as any man! I can do as much work as you. I have plowed, reaped and husked, chopped and mowed. I can carry as much as any man and eat as much, too — and Ain't I a Woman?!!

"She combined the two most hated elements: she was Black and a woman - and all the insults that could be cast on color and sex were hurled at her. But she stood, calm and dignified, a grand, wise woman who couldn't read or write and yet could penetrate the very soul of the universe."