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Taking A Stand: The Fight for Woman Suffrage

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Terms to Know

Suffrage
Suffragist
Petition
Seneca Falls Convention
Enfranchise
Ratification
19th Amendment
Minor v. Hoppersett

National American Woman Suffrage Association (NAWSA)
American Woman’s Suffrage Association (AWSA)
National Woman’s Party
Elizabeth Cady Stanton
Susan B. Anthony
Alice Paul
Harry Burn
Discussion Questions

• Why did so many states deny women the right to vote? Why was women’s suffrage legal in some states?

• What strategies did women use to win the right to vote? Which were most successful? What made them successful?

• What role did state governments play in extending voting rights to women? What role did the federal government play?

• How were black women involved in the fight for women’s suffrage? What additional challenges did they face?

• How did the Women’s Suffrage Movement help shape our country today?
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Until 1920, most states limited the right to vote to men (and in many states only white men). Beginning in the mid-19th century, several generations of woman suffrage supporters lectured, wrote, marched, lobbied, and practiced civil disobedience to achieve what many Americans considered a radical change in the Constitution – guaranteeing women the right to vote. Through their passion, beliefs, dedication and perseverance, the outcome of their activism was the Nineteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, ratified in 1920.

One of the ways that these women fought for the right to vote, was to organize parades and silent protests. Many women carried banners demanding the right to vote. Using the images below as a guide, create your own suffrage banner using the template provided. How did the banners speak for these women?