

Goals Across Time

Compare the aims of two women's movements.

USII.8.f "describing the similarities and differences between the objectives of the women's movement of the early and mid-20th century;"

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DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the early movement's main objective once and the later movement's objectives twice. Circle two details that show what both movements had in common.

Two Movements, Shared Purpose

- ① At the start of the 1900s, many women could not vote in national or state elections. Suffrage leaders, including members of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, worked to change that. They gave speeches, marched, wrote petitions, and asked lawmakers to support a constitutional amendment. Their central objective was political citizenship, especially the right to vote. In 1920, the Nineteenth Amendment said that citizens could not be denied the vote because of sex. This was a major achievement of the early women's movement.
- ② During the mid-20th century, especially in the 1960s and 1970s, many women organized again. The National Organization for Women, founded in 1966, pushed for equal opportunity in jobs and education. Activists also challenged lower pay for women doing comparable work and rules that limited women's choices. They supported laws against sex discrimination, such as Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. This movement sought fuller equality in everyday life, at work, in schools, and in public decisions.
- ③ Both movements tried to expand women's power and equal status in American society. Each used organized action to press for change, and each challenged unfair limits based on sex. However, their main objectives were different. The early movement focused on gaining a specific political right, voting. The later movement worked on a wider set of goals, including fair treatment and opportunity in employment and education. Winning the vote did not automatically end discrimination in other parts of life.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What was the central objective of the early women's movement?

2 Name two objectives of the later women's movement.

3 What was one goal that both movements shared?

4 How was the focus of the later movement different from the focus of the early movement?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write exactly four sentences explaining why winning the vote in 1920 did not mean that all later women's movement goals had been met. Include one similarity and one difference between the two movements.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the early movement's main objective once and the later movement's objectives twice. Circle two details that show what both movements had in common. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What was the central objective of the early women's movement?	Its central objective was gaining the right to vote.
2	Name two objectives of the later women's movement.	Accept any two: equal opportunity in jobs, equal opportunity in education, fair pay, ending sex discrimination, or removing rules that limited women's choices.
3	What was one goal that both movements shared?	Both sought to expand women's power and equal status, and both challenged unfair limits based on sex.
4	How was the focus of the later movement different from the focus of the early movement?	The early movement focused mainly on the specific political right to vote. The later movement pursued a wider set of goals involving equality at work, in education, and in everyday life.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Winning the vote gave women an important political right. Both movements worked for women's equal status and challenged unfair limits. The early movement focused mainly on voting. The later movement also sought fair pay and equal opportunities in jobs and education.

Accept clear four-sentence explanations that accurately include a shared purpose and a difference in objectives. Students may use other accurate later goals from the passage, such as ending sex discrimination or expanding women's choices.