

Reflecting on the Declaration of Sentiments

You will work with your group to analyze three excerpts from the Declaration of Sentiments, the document created at the Seneca Falls Convention.

Excerpt A

He has never permitted her to exercise her inalienable [undeniable] right to the elective franchise [vote]. He has compelled her to submit to laws, in the formation of which she had no voice.

Step 1: Rewrite Excerpt A, using simpler language that a classmate would understand. In the excerpt, “he” refers to the general male population of the United States.

Step 2: Discuss the extent to which this grievance has been redressed today. Place an **X** on the spectrum to show your response.



Step 3: List evidence from the mid-1800s and today that supports your placement. Use your book and Handout B to help you.

Step 4: Prepare a spokesperson to defend your placement to the class.

Excerpt B

He has monopolized [dominated] nearly all the profitable employments, and from those she is permitted to follow, she receives but a scanty remuneration [pay].

Step 1: Rewrite Excerpt B, using simpler language.

Step 2: With your group, discuss the extent to which this grievance has been redressed today. Place an X on the spectrum to show your response.



Step 3: List evidence from the mid-1800s and today that supports your placement.

Step 4: Prepare a new spokesperson to defend your placement.

Excerpt C

He has created a false public sentiment by giving to the world a different code of morals for men and women.

Step 1: Rewrite Excerpt C, using simpler language.

Step 2: With your group, discuss the extent to which this grievance has been redressed today. Place an X on the spectrum below to show your response.



Step 3: List evidence from the mid-1800s and today that supports your placement.

Step 4: Prepare a new spokesperson to defend your placement.