

The Suffrage Movement in Texas

Grade Level/ Course: 4th -12th grade

Time Allotment: One Class Period

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Enduring Understandings

- Universal Generalizations: Attitudes change over time

Concepts

- Change over Time
- Leadership

Essential Questions

- What was the impact of the women's suffrage movement in Texas?

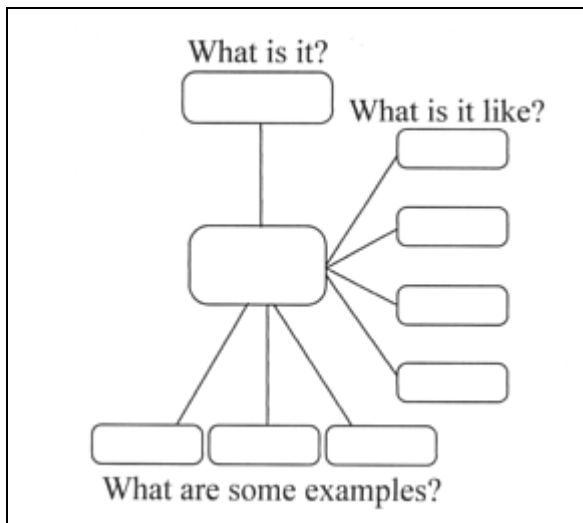
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Objective: The student will explain the impact of the women's suffrage movement on Texas women.

PROCEDURE

Anticipatory Set

1. Have the student complete the Content Definition Map for the word "SUFFRAGE MOVEMENT – *A movement where people fought for their right to vote.*"



- Place the word Suffrage Movement in the center of the map
- What is it?– Definition of suffrage
- What is it like? - Characteristics of suffrage
- What are some examples?– Examples of suffrage movements

Information Gathering

Use the information on the Austin History Center website called *Jane McCallum and the Suffrage Movement* <http://www.cityofaustin.org/library/ahc/suffrage/> to complete the following activities.

Processing Activities

- A. **ILLUSTRATED TIMELINE:** Have students trace the Suffrage Movement in Austin by selecting 1-2 important events about the suffrage movement in Austin from each slide (5 slides) and creating an illustrated timeline. After the students have selected their events, have them choose one more event in history (and it could be historical or personal) that has occurred because women have gotten the right to vote and have them add it to their timeline.
- B. **RAFT** – After the students have read the online exhibit, have them look at the attached photo (see attachment on website for a better photo) and imagine they are one of these women, the husband of one of these women, or the child of one of these women and respond to the writing prompt.

R: Role of Write	A: Audience	F: Format	T: Topic
One of the women in the photo	The crowd gathering outside this building on August 26, 1918 to listen to what these women have to say	Speech	The ratification of the 19 th Amendment
Husband of one of the women in the photo	A reporter	Response to questions by an newspaper reporter	His feelings about his wife being able to vote
The child of one of these women	Fellow classmates	A poem	Your mother being able to vote



C. DOUBLE ENTRY JOURNAL – Have students read each slide and react to the quote or statement. If students have a hard time on their own, prompts have been included.

Quote or Statement	Your Thoughts
<p>Slide 1 Mary Heard Ellis played an active role in the Texas Equal Suffrage Association's lobbying activities.</p> <p>University of Texas professor A. Caswell Ellis (Mary's husband) served as editor of <i>The Texas Democrat</i>, a suffrage newspaper which circulated statewide prior to the 1919 suffrage amendment election.</p>	<p>What kind of relationship do you think this couple had?</p>
<p>Slide 2 Under Cunningham's stewardship, the group grew to include ninety-eight local chapters, and in 1917, moved its headquarters from Houston to Austin to facilitate lobbying of the Texas legislature.</p>	<p>How serious was the women's suffrage movement in Texas?</p>
<p>Slide 3 <i>"Attained my majority at last, thank you, registered to vote 6th of Travis Co. women at about 7:45 on June 26. We had a lot of fun"</i> Jane Y. McCallum Diary Saturday, June 29, 1918</p>	<p>Why do you think that this experience was such fun for Jane McCallum?</p>
<p>Slide 4 <i>It's all over-I can not realize that this thing we've been waging such a terrific fight for is now actually a matter of history. Some how [I] felt thankful to be jubilant; we've a great responsibility and I pray [to] God we may meet it squarely and successfully."</i> Jane Y. McCallum Diary June 28, 1918</p>	<p>Is the fight for suffrage really over?</p>
<p>Slide 5 <i>"Jane! My dear – Ratified & Released! Oooooo – How I wish I were in Austin with "the gang" wouldn't we celebrate just?"</i> Minnie Fisher Cunningham to Jane, August 1920 after the final ratification of the 19th Amendment</p>	<p>How did the Texas Suffrage Movement affect the National Movement?</p>