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# **Women Gain Rights**



## **As a Young Historian, I will be able to...**

- **Analyze actions taken by women to address social issues affecting workers and families.**
- **Explain actions taken during the Progressive era to expand opportunities for women, including the right to vote.**
- **Evaluate the tactics reform leaders used to win passage of the Nineteenth Amendment.**

# **Opportunities for Women**

**More women from the middle-class sought to expand their lives beyond just being a “wife”**

**Women began attending college in record number & began to work towards social reform**

**Women at the time were expected to hand wages over to the “man of the household” as they could not hold money**

**Women also worked in factories that could easily take advantage of them**

# Economic Issues

**Women argued for limited work hours in Muller V. Oregon.**

**Florence Kelly believed women were being charged unfairly for goods**

**She began the [National Consumers League \(NCL\)](#) to provide safety for the consumer**

**[Women's Trade Union League \(WTUL\)](#)-  
Organization which fought for minimum wage & limited work hours**



# Social Issues

**Temperance Movement-** Fought to remove alcohol sales & drinking

**Frances Willard** lead the WCTU & would work towards the 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment

**Suffrage-** The right to vote

**Margaret Sanger-** Fought for new ideas & “birth control” methods

**Ida B. Wells-** Fought for anti-lynching laws in the U.S.

# **Women Seek Equal Political Rights**

**Women began to believe that women could only make changes & protect their families by voting**

**Susan B. Anthony** was an activist who wanted to give women the right to vote

**She would be jailed many times voting illegally in elections to fight back**



# Expanded Rights

**Carrie Chapman Catt** toured the nation urging women to join the **National American Suffrage Association (NAWSA)**

The goal was to include women from all backgrounds & financial status

**Alice Paul**- leader of the National Woman's Party, protested & organized women across the U.S.

Eventually the **19<sup>th</sup> Amendment** gave women the right to vote.