

THE DECLARATION OF SENTIMENTS

Historical Background The first women's rights convention in the United States was in Seneca Falls, New York on July 19-20, 1848. Its purpose was to bring attention to the unfair treatment of women, and it marks the beginning of the U.S. women's suffrage movement. The first convention is also remembered for its Declaration of Sentiments, written by Elizabeth Cady Stanton. In the Declaration are a list of grievances about the inequalities between males and females.

Matching Activity Directions Match the original grievance (long, numbered piece) with the simplified version (smaller, lettered piece) so that the original grievance is correctly simplified.



Elizabeth Cady Stanton

Answers

1 _____	4 _____	7 _____	10 _____	13 _____
2 _____	5 _____	8 _____	11 _____	14 _____
3 _____	6 _____	9 _____	12 _____	15 _____

Glossary

abject: no self-respect

apostolic: spiritual authority

chastisement: punishment

covenant: formal agreement

degrade: bring shame on

distinction: honor

elective franchise: vote

endeavor: try

facilities: means to do something

grievance: complaint

ignorant: not having knowledge

inalienable: cannot be taken away

impunity: freedom from punishment

monopolize: take all of

oppress: give harsh treatment

Jehovah: God

prerogative: right

remuneration: payment

scanty: small

sentiment: feeling

subordinate: less power

supposition: idea

supremacy: having the most power

usurp: to take over without right

1. Summarize the grievances presented at the Seneca Falls Convention in one sentence.
2. Which inequality was most shocking? Copy the simplified version below and explain why it shocked you.