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Women's Suffrage DBQ

Seneca Falls Convention, Declaration of Sentiments

The history of mankind is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations on the part of man toward woman, having in direct object the establishment of an absolute tyranny over her. To prove this, let facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has never permitted her to exercise her inalienable right to the elective franchise.

He has compelled her to submit to laws, in the formation of which she had no voice.

- The Seneca Falls Convention, "Declaration of Sentiments"

Document-Based Questions: Please answer each question using complete sentences, based on the reading selection and your knowledge of social studies.

1. According to this declaration, has the denial of women's rights been intentional or unintentional?

2. According to this declaration, how have men unfairly used the law to control women?