

Lesson Plan

Which Wave?

Book: *The Women's Rights Movement*

Series: Postwar America

Level: Navigator

Objective

To help students identify the key traits and core ideas of the various waves of feminism.

Supplies

- Several copies of *The Women's Rights Movement* book
- Which Wave? worksheet (attached)
- Pencils

Before the Activity

Print a copy of the Which Wave? worksheet for each student.

Activity

Throughout history, there have been several waves of feminism. While these waves have some ideas in common, activists in each wave have tended to center on different core ideas. Give each student a Which Wave? worksheet. Explain that the bottom of this worksheet lists 15 issues, advancements, and ideas related women's rights.

Have students read *The Women's Rights Movement*. As they read, students should look for descriptions of the four waves of feminism. They should match each concept from the worksheet with the wave of feminism it was part of by writing that term in the corresponding box. Let students know that some concepts will be part of multiple waves of feminism, while other terms will go in just one box.

Evaluation

Collect the worksheets and use the attached answer key to give students 1 point for each correct answer, for up to 28 points total.

Standards

This lesson may be used to address the Common Core State Standards' reading standards for informational text, grade 7 (RI 7.3).

Which Wave?

First Wave

Second Wave

Third Wave

Fourth Wave

Divorce laws
Sexual harassment
Liberation
Intersectionality
Violence against women

Equal pay
Gender roles
Women in power
Individuality
Sexuality

Reproductive laws
Right to own property
Discrimination
Freedom of expression
Right to vote

Which Wave? Answer Key

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