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Mapping International Suffrage

Directions:

Suffrage is the right to vote in political elections. Suffrage has been applied unevenly throughout history – for both men and women. Over the last 300 years, many countries have expanded suffrage to include more groups of men who had previously been excluded, but the expansion of suffrage to women has been slower.

On the map provided, label the following countries:

USA
JAPAN
CAMEROON

FRANCE
SWEDEN
RUSSIA

NEW ZEALAND
ARGENTINA
PHILIPPINES

GREECE
GREAT BRITAIN
AFGHANISTAN

- Which country on this list do you think first extended the right to vote to women? Why?
- Which country on this list do you think was the last to extend the right to vote to women? Why?

In some countries, women gained limited suffrage prior to full suffrage. In other countries, women gained suffrage and then had it revoked due to new laws or regime change. Using the chart provided, determine the years in which women in the countries listed above gained limited or full suffrage. Note any instances where women's suffrage was later revoked or limited.

- Based on your research, were your earlier guesses correct?



COUNTRY	YEAR WOMEN GAIN LIMITED SUFFRAGE	YEAR WOMEN GAIN EQUAL SUFFRAGE	WOMENS SUFFRAGE RESCINDED? YES/NO - IF YES, WHEN?
USA			
JAPAN			
CAMEROON			
FRANCE			
SWEDEN			
RUSSIA			
NEW ZEALAND			
ARGENTINA			
PHILIPPINES			
GREECE			
GREAT BRITAIN			
AFGHANISTAN			



MacArthur Memorial Education Programs Mapping Suffrage - USA

Directions: On the map below, write the year in which women's suffrage was adopted in each state.



- Why do you think women in western states were the first to gain suffrage?
- Many scholars believe World War I (1914-1918) played a major role in making women's suffrage a more mainstream, acceptable idea to the general population. Does the data on this map support that hypothesis?