



MacArthur Memorial Education Programs

Stabilizing Democracy Viewing Guide

Directions:

Answer the questions below as you watch *Stabilizing Democracy: The World Wars and Women's Suffrage in the United States and Japan*.

1. What is suffrage?
2. What was Abigail Adam's prediction about women if they were denied suffrage?
3. When did the women's suffrage movement begin the United States?
4. True or False: the 14th Amendment made American's think seriously about citizenship and the rights that citizens are entitled to.
5. States in which U.S. region adopted women's suffrage first? (circle one)
(NORTH) (SOUTH) (EAST) (WEST)
6. How did women's organizations react to the outbreak of World War I?
7. How did public opinion about women's suffrage change in the United States during World War I?
8. What amendment to the Constitution removed obstacles to women voting?
9. During what era did the Japanese women's suffrage movement begin to take shape?
10. What changes in the Japanese economy and government were also occurring during this time?

11. Besides being denied the vote, what additional restrictions were placed on Japanese women?
12. What events led to a decline in support for women's suffrage in Japan?
13. What similarity did women in Japan have with American women during WWII? What was the difference?
14. TRUE or FALSE: General Douglas MacArthur supports women's suffrage in Japan.
15. TRUE or FALSE: The U.S. Government and academic experts supported General MacArthur's push for women's suffrage in Japan.
16. In what year were Japanese women elected to political office for the first time?
17. In addition to the right to vote, what other rights did women in Japan gain in 1947?

Going Further:

- Create a Venn Diagram comparing the women's suffrage movement in the US and Japan.
- Do you think women in the US and Japan would have gained the right to vote as quickly without World War I and World War II? Why or why not?
- Do you think suffrage is a universal right around the world today? Why or why not?