



MacArthur Memorial Education Programs

Focused Inquiry Template – Women’s Suffrage

Compelling Question	
What is the state of women’s suffrage around the world today?	
Standard	SS.IS.6.9-12: Construct and evaluate explanations and arguments using multiple sources and relevant, verified information. CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RH.11-12.7: Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g., visually, quantitatively, as well as in words) in order to address a question or solve a problem.
Disciplinary Practice	Historical sources and evidence; developing claims and using evidence.
Staging the Question	On your world map, place an X in countries where you think women were given the right to vote first. Write 2-3 sentences explaining why you selected those countries. Then, watch this video . Were your predictions correct? What in the video surprised you? Intrigued you?

Supporting Question
How did women around the world gain the right to vote?

Formative Performance Task
As you read the featured sources, take notes in a three-column chart. In one column, note any information about the strategies women around the world used to gain the right to vote. In the second column, note information about when women in different countries gained this right. In the final column, note any information about differences in suffrage for women in different countries.

Featured Sources
<p>The Introduction of Women’s Suffrage Around the World</p> <p>A Global Story: Women’s Suffrage, Forgotten History, and a Way Forward</p> <p>Woman Suffrage</p> <p>Worldwide Women’s Suffrage Timeline</p> <p>History of the Women’s Suffrage Movement Around the World</p> <p>The Struggle for the Right to Vote</p>

**Summative
Performance
Task**

ARGUMENT: What is the state of women’s suffrage around the world today? Construct an argument (e.g., detailed outline, poster, essay) using specific claims and relevant evidence from the sources to support your argument.

EXTENSION: Though women have gained the right to vote, it wasn’t always equal for all women. Explore the difference between white women and Black women in gaining suffrage. [This article](#) and [this article](#) may help you get started.