



LESSON 7.1.13 | WATCH | Crash Course US History #31 Women's Suffrage

PURPOSE

In this video, you will learn why some historians refer to the period between 1890-1920 as The Women's Era. The role of women in reform movements and the influence women wielded in American society during the Progressive Era is detailed here. Important women in a variety of movements are discussed. In order to understand how the Progressive Movement

functioned, understanding the substantial role women played in its largest movements is essential.

LINK

- ["Crash Course US History #31 – Women's Suffrage"](#)

PREVIEW

In which John Green teaches you about American women in the Progressive Era and, well, the progress they made. So the big deal is, of course, the right to vote women gained when the 19th amendment was passed and ratified. But women made a lot of other gains in the 30 years between 1890 and 1920. More women joined the workforce, they acquired lots of other legal rights related to property, and they became key consumers in the industrial economy. Women also continued to play a vital role in reform movements. The field of social work emerged as women like Jane Addams created settlement houses to assist immigrants in their integration into the United States and women also began to work to make birth control widely available. You'll learn about famous reformers and activists like Alice Paul, Margaret Sanger, and Emma Goldman, among others.

PROCESS

As with all of the videos in the course, watch the video before class. Remember that John speaks quickly and you may benefit from having the captions turned on. If you missed something, be sure to pause or rewind the video. Remember that two of the central ideas in this lesson are to understand the role of individuals in effecting change and to understand the way inequalities in American society were or were not addressed by Progressive reforms. Why might this era have been known as the Women's Era? How did women impact the reforms of the Progressive Movement? In what ways did women in this period push the boundaries imposed upon them by society at the time? In what ways did inequalities and lack of opportunities persist?



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Think about the following questions as you watch the video.

1. Why are the thirty years between 1890 and 1920 called the “women’s era” by some historians?
2. What types of products were specifically aimed at women during the second wave of industrialization?
3. How did the Progressive Era witness a shift in gender roles?
4. What was radical about the beliefs of birth control advocates Margaret Sanger and Emma Goldman?



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5. Why was the fight over birth control important?

6. What is the settlement house movement and who was a key figure in the movement?

7. Despite achieving a huge victory with the passage of the 19th Amendment, why did women continue to struggle for equal rights?