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## The Nineteenth Amendment

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### Introduction:

In 1920, the states ratified the 19th Amendment to our Constitution. This amendment gave women the right to vote. The political and social battles that led to this amendment are known collectively as the women's suffrage movement. By the early 1900s, this movement was long underway. But in the Progressive Era, women's suffrage became a major political issue. There were two main groups fighting for the vote: the National American Woman Suffrage Association (NAWSA) and its offshoot, the National Woman's Party (NWP). Both groups worked tirelessly to promote the voting rights of women and found success with the Nineteenth Amendment.

The text of this amendment reads, "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation."

### Questions:

1. What right did the Nineteenth Amendment grant?
2. What year was the Nineteenth Amendment ratified?
3. What does "suffrage" mean?
4. What did Abigail Adams ask of her husband, John Adams, when framing the new nation?
5. What was interesting about voting laws in New Jersey?
6. What took place in Seneca Falls in 1848?
7. According to Susan B. Anthony, women should have gained the right to vote with what amendment?
8. What was the first state to grant women the right to vote?
9. Who was the first president elected after the Nineteenth Amendment was ratified?
10. Woodrow Wilson opposed women's suffrage in the beginning. Why do you think he changed his mind?