

MAIN IDEAS REGARDING WOMEN

Colonial Era through 1800s... no vote, husband has control, no property unless widowed, women are few in the west / have more power, Puritan women have fewest rights

Remember the Ladies & Republican Motherhood

Language of Declaration of Independence did not include women ("all men are created equal" despite plea from Abigail Adams and contributions of many women to the war effort. Republican Motherhood did elevate status of women by entrusting them with raising children who understand and appreciate republicanism.

18th Century Highlights...

Cult of Domesticity

Concept- Early 1800s-traditional women's role at a time when American culture is becoming truly American and the Market Revolution is allowing separate spheres to develop (work and home). Women were to maintain the home as a haven for men as well as focus on raising children.

Market Revolution – Lowell System employs young women, housed in dorms, chaperoned, women paid less than men

Oberlin College – more educational opportunities for women developing

1848 – Seneca Falls-Declaration of Sentiments, "all men and women are created equal." Beginning of women's movement, working for suffrage and other rights/challenging gender roles and stereotypes.

Also...**Temperance & Abolition** – many women work for these reforms, increasing role for women

Antoinette Brown-first woman ordained into ministry, Congregational Church

Dorothea Dix – reforms for the mentally ill, leads nurses during Civil War

Clara Barton – starts Red Cross

Industrial Revolution – women paid less than men for factory work; new opportunities as secretaries, telephone operators

Jane Addams – Settlement House Movement –
Progressive reformer

MAIN IDEAS REGARDING WOMEN & GENDER ROLES

Federal Acts

1920 – 19th Amendment – Women get the right to vote

1960 – FDA approves **birth control pills**

1963-Betty Friedan writes **Feminine Mystique**

1963 – Equal Pay Act- requires that men and women be given equal pay for equal work in the same establishment

1973 – Roe vs. Wade ... legal abortion nationwide - right to privacy

1978 – Pregnancy Discrimination Act-added to Civil Rights Act of 1964- cannot discriminate against female workers because they are pregnant

1993-Family Medical Leave Act-time off for babies... even dads

1994 – Violence Against Women Act – increased legislation regarding domestic abuse and sexual assault

20th Century Highlights...

1920s-Margaret Sanger fights for **birth control rights** and **Alice Paul** write the **Equal Rights Amendment**; **flappers rebel** (culture conflict... seen as deteriorating morality/culture), automobile increases ability to rebel, be promiscuous, and drink and smoke like the men

FDR – 1st woman in cabinet, Francis Perkins

First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt – fought for *everyone*

Rosie the Riveter – women find jobs during WWII, including those traditionally done by men; war ends... government says "go home."

1945-1960 – Baby Boom and modern day "cult of domesticity" with traditional roles glorified on TV and in advertisements, **Planned Parenthood** established in 1940s

1960's & 70's Feminism movement ...learns from civil rights movement...civil disobedience – bra burning, pageant protesting...

Culture more accepting of women having the right to choose home/career, divorce increases, sexual revolution, ERA fails, traditional women reject these efforts, including Phyllis Schlafly

2016 – Hillary Clinton... first female Presidential candidate for major party?