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QUILL QUESTIONS

1. E691470

a. What text was proposed regarding suffrage in the Utah Constitution?

2. e692730 Utah Territory, e692051 Weber County Ladies Petition, e692389 Utah County Womens Suffrage Petition, e692727 Woman's Suffrage: Salt Lake City, e692909 Davis County Women's petition, e692912 Juab County Petition

a. These are petitions presented to the Convention members by Suffrage Groups around Utah. These groups petitioned to include certain things in the Utah Constitution. How do you think these petitions contributed to the final draft of the Utah Constitution?

3. e697306 First Edition of Article IV in the Utah Constitution

a. According to Section 1, who shall "enjoy all civil, political, and religious rights and privileges"?

b. According to Section 2 of this First Draft, how old would you need to be to vote in elections?

c. According to Section 10, what would you need to do in order to vote in elections?

d. According to Section 14, when would general elections be held?

Using the following events and passages from the proceedings of the Utah Constitutional Convention, create a list of arguments “for” and arguments “against” including women’s suffrage in the Utah Constitution based on these arguments:

1. E698765 Speech from B.H. Roberts

“...if the women of this Territory can see that the enfranchisement of them now, the persistence of doing it, will endanger the attainment of our hopes, it will be a movement worthy of the women of this State, if they were willing to petition this honorable body of men not to attempt the enfranchisement of women, if in their judgment it would endanger statehood itself. It is a sacrifice that I believe the women of this Territory are capable of making. Of course, I shall not urge it. I would not so much as ask it. It would be vain to do so. But, nevertheless, I believe it would be wise and patriotic to do it.”

2. E698843 Debate from Heber M. Wells

“Let me ask the gentleman who made this argument if he, would be willing to let his neighbor vote for him on a question that affected his pocket? Now, if the woman who owns property ought to have the right to vote upon that financial question, what reason is there for denying her the right to vote for the men who are to assess the taxes upon her property? The right of representation to all persons who are taxed is in my opinion an inherent right and a right which in this country was declared over a hundred years ago to be formidable to tyrants only.”

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>

3. Based on this list, would you have voted to include women's suffrage (women's right to vote) in the Utah Constitution? Why or why not?

If you finish early, consider these questions and write down your idea to be discussed with the class:

1. What is suffrage and why is it important to democracy?
2. Although these debates occurred over 100 years ago, what role have they played in US History and the history of the State of Utah?
3. Can you think of examples of challenges to voting rights in the United States today?

MORE IN-DEPTH QUESTIONS

4. Are there people in the United States today that you don't think should vote? Consider groups such as felons or immigrants and whether or not they have the right to vote in State, Local, and Federal Elections.
5. Even when they do have a legal right to vote, what are ways that prohibit people from being able to vote? Consider voting booth locations, time off from work to go vote, disabilities, etc.

REFERENCE SHEET:

Key Terms:

Suffrage: the right to vote in political elections.

Enfranchised: the privilege or right to vote

Disenfranchise: to take away the right to vote

Petition: a formal written request, typically one signed by many people, appealing to authority with respect to a particular cause.

Constitutional Convention: a gathering of delegates who share the purpose of creating a constitution.

Polygamy: the practice or custom of having more than one wife or husband at the same time.

