

WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE

THE REVOLUTIONS THAT DOMINATED THIS ERA WERE MAINLY POLITICAL (France, USA, Haiti, etc.) or ECONOMIC (Industrial). BUT, THERE WERE SOCIAL REVOLUTIONS. THE MOST PROMINENT WAS THE EMERGENCE OF THE **FEMINIST MOVEMENT**. WOMEN BEGAN TO PUSH FOR SUFFRAGE AND EQUALITY. THE FRUITS OF THEIR EFFORTS ARE NOT SEEN UNTIL THE NEXT ERA, BUT THE FOUNDATION OF THAT MOVEMENT WAS PLANTED HERE.



SUFFRAGE (n) - the right to vote



DE GOUGES

WOLLSTONECRAFT

STANTON



WORK: DECLARATION OF THE RIGHTS OF WOMAN...

EXCERPT:

"MAN, ARE YOU CAPABLE OF BEING JUST? IT IS A WOMAN WHO POSES THE QUESTION... TELL ME, WHAT GIVES YOU SOVEREIGN EMPIRE TO OPPRESS MY SEX?... HE PRETENDS TO ENJOY THE REVOLUTION AND TO CLAIM HIS RIGHTS TO EQUALITY...MOTHERS, DAUGHTERS, SISTERS [and] REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NATION DEMAND TO BE CONSTITUTED INTO A NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. WOMAN IS BORN FREE AND LIVES EQUAL TO MAN IN HER RIGHTS."

SIGNIFICANCE:

WRITTEN DURING THE FRENCH REVOLUTION, OLYMPIA DE GOUGES WAS ANGERED THAT THE REVOLUTION BROUGHT NO RIGHTS FOR WOMEN. SHE DEDICATED THE WORK TO 'THE MOST DETESTED OF WOMEN' MARIE ANTOINETTE. AS THE REVOLUTION TURNED TO TERROR, SHE POINTED OUT THE HYPOCRISY OF THE JACOBINS. SHE WAS IMPRISONED, TRIED, & GUILLOTINED.



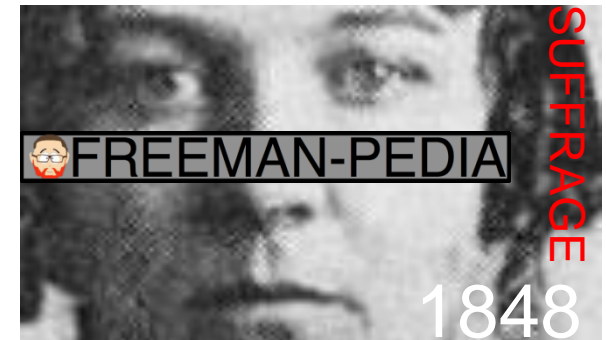
WORK: VINDICATION OF THE RIGHTS OF WOMAN

EXCERPT:

"MEN ENDEAVOR TO SINK US STILL LOWER, MERELY TO RENDER US ALLURING OBJECTS FOR A MOMENT; AND WOMEN, [ARE] INTOXICATED BY THE ADORATION [OF] MEN... MAKE THEM FREE, & THEY WILL QUICKLY BECOME WISE & VIRTUOUS, AS MEN BECOME MORE SO; FOR THE IMPROVEMENT MUST BE MUTUAL OR THE INJUSTICE WHICH ONE HALF OF THE HUMAN RACE ARE OBLIGED TO SUBMIT TO... THEY MAY BE CONVENIENT SLAVES, BUT SLAVERY WILL HAVE ITS EFFECT; DEGRADING THE MASTER AND DEPENDENT."

SIGNIFICANCE:

ONE OF THE EARLIEST FEMINIST WORKS, WOLLSTONECRAFT ARGUES THAT WOMEN SHOULD HAVE AN EDUCATION ON PAR WITH MEN; SINCE WOMEN TAUGHT THE CHILDREN. SHE STRESSES THE EQUALITY OF WOMEN TO MEN (ONLY IN CERTAIN FIELDS). WOMEN ARE CURRENTLY SILLY & SUPERFICIAL ('Spaniels' & 'Toys'). THE BOOK WAS WELL RECEIVED (*contrary to popular belief*).



WORK: DECLARATION OF SENTIMENTS (SENECA FALLS CONVENTION)

EXCERPT:

"WHEN, IN THE COURSE OF HUMAN EVENTS, IT BECOMES NECESSARY FOR ONE PORTION OF THE FAMILY TO ASSUME AMONG THE PEOPLE OF THE EARTH A POSITION DIFFERENT FROM THAT WHICH THEY HAVE HITHERTO OCCUPIED. WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS TO BE SELF-EVIDENT: THAT ALL MEN AND WOMEN ARE CREATED EQUAL... THE HISTORY OF MANKIND IS A HISTORY OF REPEATED INJURIES ON THE PART OF MAN TOWARD WOMAN, HAVING THE DIRECT OBJECT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ABSOLUTE TYRANNY OVER HER."

SIGNIFICANCE:

WRITTEN DURING THE FAMOUS SENECA FALLS CONVENTION, THIS DOCUMENT WAS SIGNED BY 100 ATTENDEES. IT IS BASED ON THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE. FREDERICK DOUGLASS (who attended) SAID THAT THE DECLARATION WAS THE "GRAND MOVEMENT FOR ATTAINING THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN." THE CONVENTION ITSELF WAS NOT POPULARLY SUPPORTED DUE TO ITS SUPPORT OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

MODERN
(1750 CE- 1900 CE)

INDUSTRIALIZATION & GLOBAL INTEGRATION