

# In Their Own Words: Women's Petitions to Congress

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## Reflection Questions

**Instructions:** Once you have completed your work at all five stations, answer the reflection questions. Be prepared to share your responses with the full class.

1. Why was the First Amendment's protection of the right to petition critical to the political participation of American women?
2. Why might women have felt betrayed by the failure of the suffrage movement in the Civil War Era?
3. Through what means and toward what ends did women organize to reform America in the Progressive Era?
4. Based on your analysis of the documents in this lesson, to what extent did women gain voting equality with the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment in 1920?
5. After ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, why did some women argue that an Equal Rights Amendment was needed?

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