8th grade Social Studies

The Rights of Women handout

The first states to allow women to vote were in the West (Wyoming being the first in 1890).

**Why?**

**1. Towns were built up by both men and women**

**2. Independent spirit of the West**

In the early 1900s, we begin to see a national women’s suffrage movement

* This leads to the creation of the 19th amendment in Congress
* Women are allowed to vote for the first time throughout the whole country in the 1920 election

Other new opportunities for women

* Better opportunities for women to earn college degrees
* Women’s clubs helped promote charitable causes

Temperance Movement

**Why did women lead this movement?**

**Husbands are causing problems when exposed to alcohol**

**Why was this movement so large in scale?**

**Alcohol was believed to be evil. America could become a better place without it.**

Biggest outcome of the temperance movement= prohibition- Congress creates 18th amendment which bans the sale and consumption of alcohol.