

Reflect

What employment problems did working class women encounter?

Why do you think the Supreme Court ruled to limit women's work day?

What were the goals of the WTUL?

Why did Progressives support the temperance movement?

What role did Margaret Sanger play?

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Focus Question: How did women of the Progressive Era make progress and win the right to vote?

Ch4.2 Women Make Progress

By the early 1900s, a growing number of middle-class women wanted to do more than stay at home as wives and mothers.

- Colleges like Pennsylvania's Bryn Mawr and New York's School of Social Work armed middle-class women with and modern ideas.
- However, most poor women continued to labor hours, often under dangerous or dirty conditions.

Progressive reforms addressed working women's conditions:

- They worked long hours in and sweatshops, or as maids, laundresses or servants.
- They were less and often didn't get to keep their wages.
- They were intimidated and bullied by employers.

Reformers saw limiting the length of a woman's work as an important goal and succeeded in several states.

- In *Muller v. Oregon*, the Supreme Court ruled that states could legally women's work day.
- This ruling recognized the unique role of women as mothers.

In 1899, Florence Kelley founded the Women's Trade Union League which worked for a federal minimum and a national eight-hour workday.

- The WTUL also created the first workers' fund, which helped support families who refused to work in unsafe or unfair conditions.

Progressives supported the temperance movement.

- They felt that often led men to spend their earnings on liquor, neglect their families, and abuse their wives.
- The Woman's Christian Temperance Union grew steadily until the passage of the Amendment which banned the sale and production of alcohol in 1919.

In 1916, Margaret Sanger opened the first control clinic. She believed that having fewer children would lead to healthier women.

- She was The courts eventually ruled that doctors could give out family planning information.
- In 1921, Sanger founded the American Birth Control League to make information available to women.

Answer the Qs in the margin.

How did Ida B Wells work for women's rights?

Why do you think that suffrage was the only way to ensure that the government protected family life?

What was one objection to women's suffrage?

Which amendment gave women the right to vote?

African Americans also worked for women's rights.

- Ida B. Wells founded the National Association of Colored Women or in 1896.
- The NACW supported day care centers for the children of working parents.
- Wells also worked for suffrage, to end lynchings, and to stop in the Chicago schools.

Ultimately was seen as the only way to ensure that government protected children, fostered education, and supported family life.

- Since the 1860s, Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton worked relentlessly for women's suffrage.
- Still, by the 1890s, only Wyoming and Colorado allowed women to vote.

In 1917, social activists led by Alice Paul formed the National Woman's Party. Their radical actions made the suffrage movement's goals seem less dramatic by comparison.

- The NWP picketed the House.
- Hundreds of suffragettes were and jailed.

President of the National American Suffrage Association, Carrie Chapman Catt, promoted a two-part strategy to gain the vote for women.

- NAWSA Congress for a constitutional amendment.
- Supporters, called suffragettes, used the referendum process to pass state laws.

Not all women supported suffrage.

- The National Association Opposed to Woman's Suffrage feared voting would distract women from their roles.
- Many men and women were offended by Paul's protests in front of the White House. A mob shredded her signs and pickets.

States gradually granted suffrage to women, starting in the states.

In June 1919, the Amendment was passed by Congress. The amendment stated that the vote "shall not be denied or abridged on account of sex."

In November 1920, women nationwide voted in a presidential election for the first time.

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SUMMARY- Summarize your notes using at least 6 complete sentences:
