

Assessing with Primary Sources

Grade Level: Middle School (6-8)
Standard(s) or Objectives: CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.6.1 - Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

Library of Congress Resources:



Henry Mayer, *The Awakening*, Published by Puck Publishing Corporation, February 20, 1915.

<http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/98502844/>

Topic Background:

Although women's right to vote was secured by Constitutional amendment in 1920, the legacy of the suffragists continues to the present day. In fighting for the right to vote, women formed national political organizations, developed new strategies for protest, and brought women into the public sphere in new and more visible ways. These advances were not limited to their work for enfranchisement, but also laid the groundwork for civic action that has been emulated by those working for other civil rights causes.

Excerpted from:

http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/primarysourcesets/womens-suffrage/pdf/teacher_guide.pdf

Source Used:

Illustration shows a torch-bearing female labeled "Votes for Women", symbolizing the awakening of the nation's women to the desire for suffrage, striding across the western states, where women already had the right to vote, toward the east where women are reaching out to her.

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Answer Key:

The Successful Student will:

1. States the given claim in his or her response.
2. Cites at least one specific piece of evidence from the document to support the claim.
3. Provide a justification for the given evidence. I.e. Student explains *why* the evidence he or she provided supports the claim.

Possible Answer:

The woman holding a torch supports the claim that this 1915 cartoon is in favor of women's suffrage. The woman supports this claim because she is dressed in robes like the statue of liberty. Additionally, the woman is labeled "votes for women" The author seems to be connecting the idea of women voting to liberty and important American Values.

Women's Suffrage Movement Henry Mayer, *The Awakening*, 1915



Questions:

1) A historian has examined this illustration and made the following claim: This 1915 illustration is in favor of women's suffrage (right to vote).

Cite one specific piece of evidence from the document that supports the following claim: This 1915 illustration is in favor of women's suffrage (right to vote). Your response should contain three (3) components. 1. State the claim that is being made. 2. Identify one specific piece of evidence from the document that supports the claim. 3. Explain *why* the evidence you have selected supports the claim. (CCSS RI.6.1)

Write your response below:
