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### **Overview Section 5: Women's Rights**

# Early Writings of Women's Rights Movement

Woman in the Nineteenth Century

# Opposition to Women's Rights Seneca Falls Convention

**Declaration of Sentiments** 

### **Women's Rights Leaders**

Elizabeth Cady Stanton Lucretia Mott Lucy Stone Susan B. Anthony

#### **KEY TERMS and PEOPLE:**

**Seneca Falls Convention**: 1st public meeting about women's rights held in the US

**Declaration of Sentiments**: treatise stating beliefs about social injustice toward women

#### Leaders of the fight for Women's Rights:

Elizabeth Cady Stanton Lucretia Mott Lucy Stone Susan B. Anthony

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- The Grimké sisters were criticized for speaking in public. Their critics felt they should stay at home.
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- She also argued for equal educational opportunities, as well as for laws that treated women in an equal manner.

#### **Margaret Fuller**

- Transcendentalist Margaret Fuller published Woman in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, a book which helped influence many leaders of the Women's rights movement
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- Many women realized that the principles behind abolition were identical to women's rights principles

#### **Sojourner Truth**

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- She took the name Sojourner Truth because she thought it was her duty to traveler and spread the truth
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• \	Women's active leadership in the abolition movement
	Reform group work taught them how to be organized and work together
Why '	Women wanted equality
	n many states married women had little to no control over their own property
Oppo	osition to women's rights
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