

WGS. 101 SESSION #3 OUTLINE

1. The 1848 Seneca Falls Convention: Birth of a Movement—
Abolitionist Networks and the Race/Gender Analogy
Influences on Women’s Rights Activists: Enlightenment theory, Legacy of American Revolution, Key texts (Mary Wollstonecraft, *Vindication of the Rights of Women* -1792), writings of Sarah and Angelina Grimke, Margaret Fuller)
Pushing the Boundaries of the “Cult of True Womanhood”
Screening, Clip, *One Woman, One Vote*
2. “The Declaration of Independence” and “The Declaration of Sentiments”
Writing Exercise/Discussion: Duality of “The Declaration of Sentiments”
Varying Interpretations of the “He” Structure of Both Documents
3. The “Sentiments”: Mirror of 19th Century Women’s Lives and Gender System—
The Personal and the Political: Small Group Discussion
4. The Sentiments and Resolutions: Agenda for a Movement—Legal, Political, Cultural Change
5. Suffrage as Symbol/Gateway Issue
6. Reaction to the Convention
7. Setting Longer and Shorter Term Agendas for Change: Beyond “Winter Wheat”
8. The Women’s Rights Movement and “Everyday Justice”—clothing, marriage, diet, religion, childrearing
9. Oral Presentation Assignment

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