

## What is a Feminist and Women's Rights?

Feminism is a social movement and ideology that fights for the political, economic and social rights for women. Feminists believe that men and women are equal, and women deserve the same rights as men in society. The feminist movement has fought for many different causes, such as the right for women to vote, the right to work and the right to live free from violence. Feminism at its core is about equality of men and women, not "sameness." So many people offer up the argument that women are not the "same" as men so there can't be equality. In other words, because their bodies are different (many say "weaker" and smaller), and because men and women have different physical capabilities, these physical differences mean equality is not possible.

Women's rights are the fundamental human rights that were enshrined by the United Nations for every human being on the planet nearly 70 years ago. These rights include the right to live free from violence, slavery, and discrimination; to be educated; to own property; to vote; and to earn a fair and equal wage. Winning rights for women is about more than giving opportunities to any individual woman or girl; it is also about changing how countries and communities work. It involves changing laws and policies, winning hearts and minds, and investing in strong women's organizations and movements.

Series I : Complete the following word search.

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1. What is the social movement and ideology that fights for the political, economic, and social rights of women?
2. What does feminism seek to achieve, between men and women?
3. They are the ones that are established to defend and care for women..... What are they?
4. Is it a right that women have to exercise their opinion on the election of any political party or government?
5. For whom are rights fought and was the feminism movement created?







## History of Feminist



Some thinkers have sought to locate the roots of feminism in ancient Greece with Sappho (d. c. 570 BCE), or the medieval world with Hildegard of Bingen (d. 1179) or Christine de Pisan (d. 1434). Certainly, Olympus de Gouge (d. 1791), Mary Wollstonecraft (d. 1797), and Jane Austen (d. 1817) are foremothers of the modern women's movement. All of these people advocated for the dignity, intelligence, and basic human potential of the female sex. However, it was not until the late nineteenth century that the efforts for women's equal rights coalesced into a clearly identifiable and self-conscious movement, or rather a series of movements.

The first major historical milestone of feminism occurred in 1789 during the French Revolution, when the women of Paris, while marching towards Versailles and shouting "liberty, equality, and fraternity", demanded for the first time the right to vote for the woman. 1791. The "Declaration of the Rights of Women and Citizens", drafted and presented to the French National Assembly, by the French activist Olympia de Gouges, a declaration that postulated the dignity of women and, consequently, the recognition of their fundamental rights and freedoms, the defense of which cost her life and her companions were confined in hospices for the mentally ill, thus becoming one of the first martyrs of the feminist cause and movements.

To better understand this whole matter, it is enough to point out, for example, that in the Declaration of Human Rights proclaimed in 1948, to define the human rights of the person, the generic term "man" is taken as a basis, which even when it is assumed " includes women", it does not reflect or define her as an individual being. It was not until the World Conference on Human Rights, held in Vienna in 1993, that the international community was forced for the first time to declare and recognize that women's rights are also human, stating that "the human rights of women and of the girl child are an inalienable, integral and indivisible part of universal human rights". This Declaration constitutes one of the most visible achievements of the female gender: it placed the issue of women in all its aspects on the world public agenda, especially referring to violence against women as a violation of their human rights.

Series II: Complete the organizer with the most important information in the history of feminism.

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