

# Identifying Claim and Evidence

**DIRECTIONS:** The brief passage below is from *History of Woman Suffrage*, Volume I, Edited by Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, and Matilda Joslyn Gage. Read the passage carefully.

It is often asserted that a woman has always been man's slave--subject--independent, under all forms of government and religion, slavery must be her normal condition. This might have some weight had not the vast majority of men also been enslaved for centuries to kings and popes, and orders of nobility, who, in the progress of civilization, have reached complete equality. And did we not also see the great changes in woman's condition, the marvelous transformation in her character, from a toy in the Turkish harem, or a drudge in the German fields, to a leader of thought in the literary circles of France, England, and America!

What claim does the author make in this paragraph?

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What two pieces of evidence support this claim?

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