

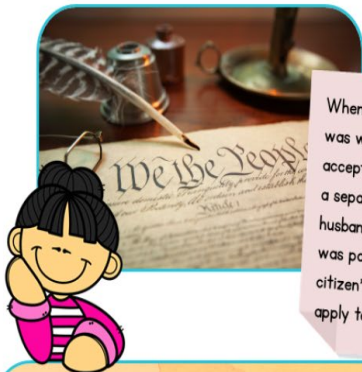
Middle Grades

# WOMEN'S RIGHTS & GENDER EQUALITY IN THE U.S.

## VIRTUAL field trip



## What Is Women's Suffrage?



Rights denied to women throughout history in the United States include:

- the right to vote
- the right to own property
- the right to keep their own money
- the right to custody of their children

When the United States Constitution was written, it was culturally accepted that a woman did not have a separate legal identity from her husband. When the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment was passed, which gave "every citizen" the right to vote, it did not apply to women.



Women were denied most rights that men were granted. This limited their freedom, their power, and their ability to contribute to decision-making in society. This was also true for men of color, and especially women of color.

Women's suffrage challenged this reality. Many women (and some men) organized together in efforts to challenge a culture that devalued women and denied them rights simply for being women. Suffrage, the right to vote in political elections, was one way that women felt like they could make a difference. If women had the opportunity to vote, they could then tackle the other rights that they deserved. It would give them power.

# SOCIAL STUDIES

Learn about the history of  
Womens's Rights & Gender  
equality in the U.S.

## Gender Pay Gap in Professional Sports

The United States has the most successful international women's soccer team in the world - they're #1! The team has won 4 World Cup championships, which is more than any other country, and 4 more times than the U.S. men's team.

Despite their success, the players on the United States women's soccer team are consistently paid less than those on the men's team. At certain times in the past, the pay ratio has been 200:1, with men being paid 200 times the amount women were paid for playing the same game. At other times, the pay ratio has been closer to 2.5:1, with men being paid 2 ½ times more than women.

Watch the video exploring how players on the U.S. women's soccer team have fought against income inequities between them and the U.S. men's team.



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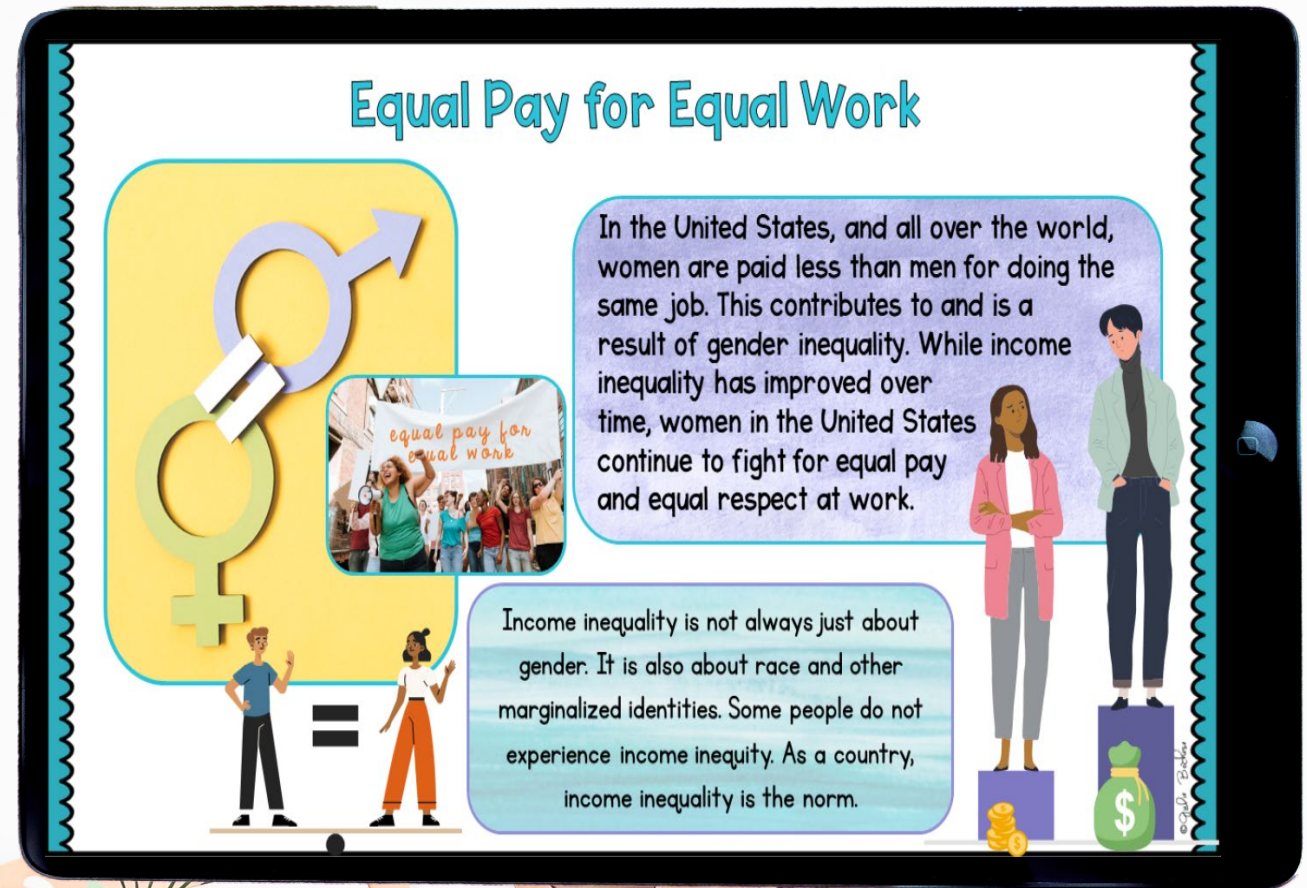
## INTEGRATES READING

Short reading passages  
build background and  
introduce key vocabulary.



# SOCIAL JUSTICE

Learn about the justice  
that rules the relations  
among individuals in society,  
without any mention to  
socio-economic equity or  
human dignity






# ENGAGING & EDUCATIONAL MEDIA


Engaging videos and multimedia make learning fun.

## Gender Equality and Professions


Gender equality in the workplace isn't always about pay! It's also about accepting all genders into all positions and professions, which means trusting that they can do their job as well as others!




makeup artist



carpenter




car mechanic



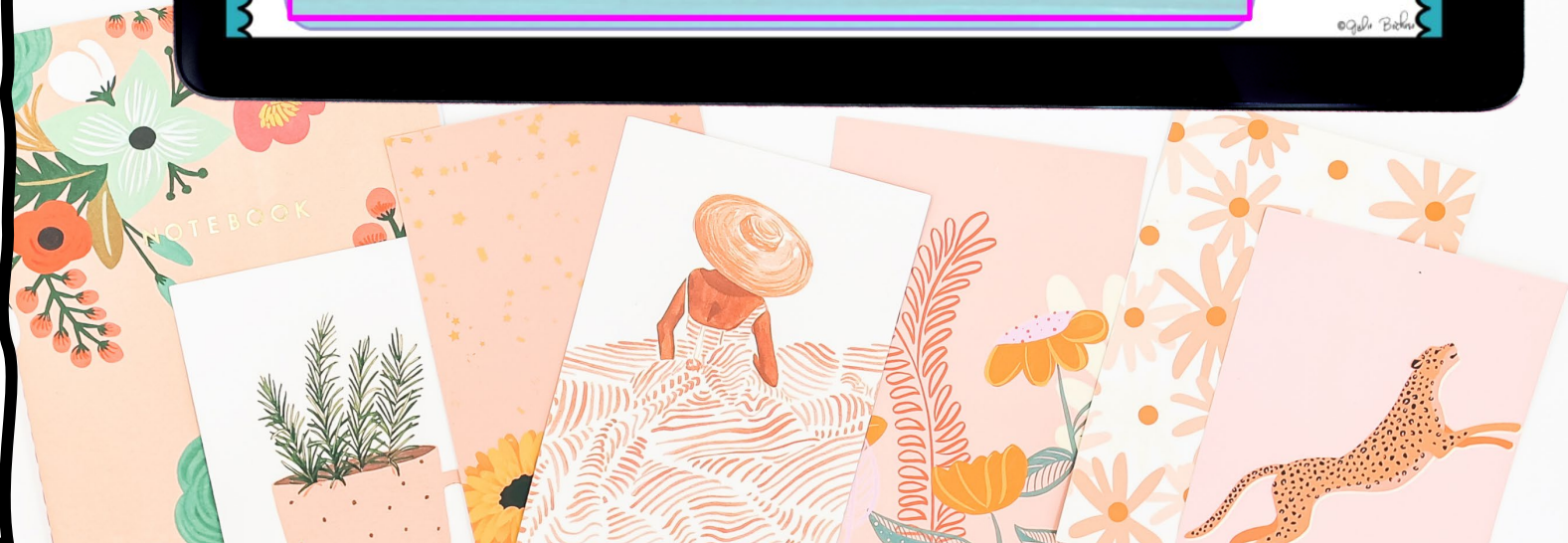
stay-at-home parent

Think of some positions or professions that you have gendered assumptions about. What are they, and why do you have those assumptions? Are any professions you've considered dominated by a certain gender?



equal pay for equal work!

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## Reflection

After exploring women's rights and gender equality in the United States, reflect on your own identity and how it impacts your life.



What does it take to create change in a society that doesn't always treat people equally or grant everyone the same rights?



How can we study the history of women's rights and gender equality in this country in order to prepare for the future?



As humans with many different needs, rights, and experiences, how can we come together to prioritize equality?



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# CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS

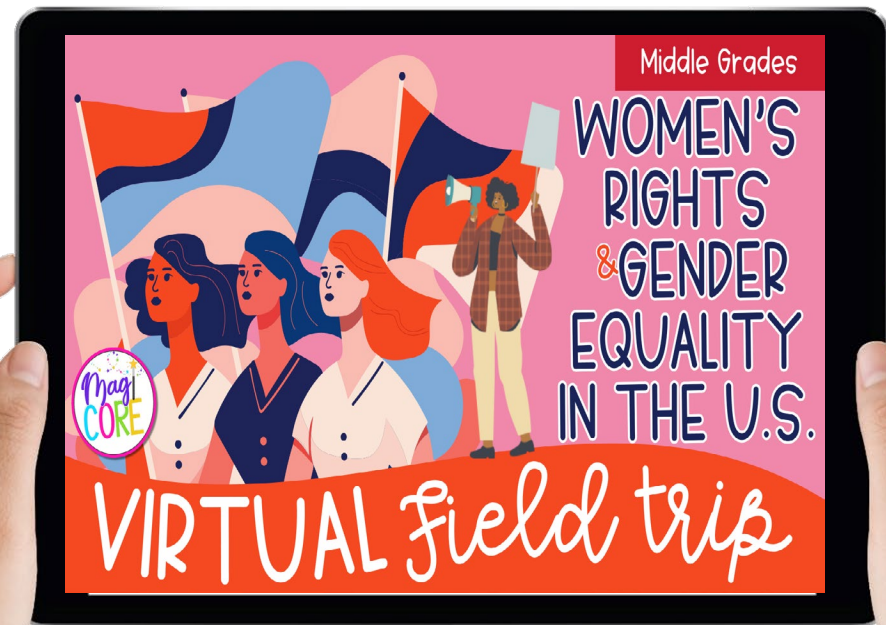
Students dive deep into this engaging topic and learn to draw conclusions and make judgements.



## Suggested Uses

- Assign in Google Classroom or SeeSaw
- Whole Class Activity
- Small groups or center
- Early Finisher
- Incentive or Fun Friday

## Google Slides and SeeSaw



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