

ERA CASE STUDY Questions

1. Why did suffrage take so long?

2. What was the legal status of women in the early years of the American Republic?

3. Did women have any political role at all in the early period? If so, why couldn't they vote?

4. Why was the movement finally successful in 1920? What had changed?

5. Why wasn't suffrage sufficient?

6. Is the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment sufficient? Why or why not?

Yes It is Sufficient	No It isn't enough

7. Why was ERA originally so controversial within the women's right's movement?

8. Who would you have sided with the reformers who favored an ERA or those who favored special legislation for women workers? What are the main points for each side?

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9. Why had ERA become more controversial and less favorable by the Florida ERA decision in 1982?