

**Teacher Notes for Who Can Vote?  
A Short History of Voting Rights  
1789 to 1920 (Part 1)**



The topic of the *History of Voting Rights* has been divided into two PowerPoint presentations due to length and size of files. Part 1 includes 1787 through 1920 and Part 2 includes 1924 to Present Day. A script to accompany this PowerPoint can be found in the notes section and in a separate PDF document.

Consider using this PowerPoint in advance of studying voting rights to expand students' background knowledge. It also could be used with specific students to reinforce information previously taught.

Encourage students to research:

- Barriers to voting after passage of the 15 Amendment.
- Progression of women's suffrage.
- Women who served or are serving in the U.S. House of Representatives and/or Senate.
- Minority men and/or women who served or are serving in the US House of Representatives and/or the Senate, especially during the Reconstruction Era.

Prompt students to view and discuss the resource, *Strategies of Suffrage, Working for Votes for Women*, posted on the [Educator Resources](#) webpage.