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English 11/American Women Unit
Response packet

We will be reading and watching several pieces about women's struggle to be equal citizens of the United States. Use this packet for your responses. This is to be handed in.

Living the Legacy

The excerpt we have includes the list of facts about women's status that Elizabeth Cady Stanton revealed in her document "A Declaration of Sentiments." In the table below, list the three that interest you most. In the cell to the right of each of those, imagine you are a woman living in Cady's time (turn of the century), and imagine the effect it has on you. In other words, write what impact it has on the condition of your life.

Sentiment	Impact on your life (write from the p.o.v. of a woman at the turn of the century)

A Century of Women

This video gives a good look at some of the main issues women have faced in 100 years, from the industrial age (1904) to 1994, when the program was produced. The fictional family of women that intersperses the historical documentary shows the changing roles of women in a more personal way. As you watch, take notes in the column on the left. Then make comments in the column on the right. You may want to make note of facts that surprise you, people who impress you, situations that shock you, or anything that interests you.

Facts	Comments

Ain't I a Woman? by Sojourner Truth

One of the points made in *A Century of Women* is that Black women were given even less of a chance than white women. This early document by Sojourner Truth (1851), given before the end of slavery, expresses her frustration at the diminished value of her life.

1. The view of women shown in the second paragraph makes Truth feel as if she is not a woman. How?

2. How does Truth compare herself to a man (what can she do as well or better than a man)? What does this say about what kind of woman she is?

3. Why does “the man” say that “women can’t have as much rights as men?”

4. What is Truth's response to this logic?

5. What do you think of her little essay?

“Women's pay suffers setback” by Barbara Hagenbaugh

Read the article from USA Today.

1. What is the main fact revealed in the article?

2. What potential trend is shown in the graph?

3. What do you think about this issue? How does it matter to you? (If you are male, think about what your future wife's role in supporting the household would be).