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I. Introduction - "Freedom, your Responsibility"

Notes - 1) Quality or state of being free
2) Possession of the rights or privileges of a citizen.

II. What are rights or privileges of a citizen?

- 1) Freedom of speech
- 2) " " worship
- 3) " " person
- 4) Right to vote, secretly for anyone you want.

Obligation to be vigilant

III. The right to vote or woman suffrage.

a) History of (Encyclopedia Britannica)

b) Are present women failing to appreciate what was won by great effort of others

IV. The Veteran & his right to Vote.

Two wars - 51,000 dead in W.W. I
200,000 " " " " II



History of Woman's Suffrage

England - 1417 women signed a petition for right to vote.

U.S. - 1647 Margaret Brent in Maryland demanded "place + voice" in colonies' legislature.

American Revolution - "no taxation without representation."

Letter from Abigail Adams to her husband John Adams while in Continental Congress.

"I long to hear that you have declared an independency, +, by the way, in the new code of laws, which I suppose it will be necessary for you to make, I desire you would remember the ladies + be more generous + favorable to them than were your ancestors. Do not put such unlimited power into the hands of husbands. Remember all men would be tyrants if they could. Of particular care + attention



are not paid to the ladies we are determined
to foment a rebellion & will not hold ourselves
bound to obey any laws in which we have
no voice or representation. "

1800 real upsurge begins.

1850's anti-slavery drive.

Susan B. Anthony

1893 - Colorado granted woman suffrage.

Opposition - "corporations liquor interests & political
machines."

Nov. 5, 1918 - Michigan enfranchised women.

August 26, 1920 - Suffrage Amendment part of
federal constitution.



