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## 18.7 The Seneca Falls Convention and the Declaration of Sentiments

Eight years passed before Stanton and Mott met again. Over afternoon tea at the home of Mott's sister, they decided to send a \_\_\_\_\_ to the local newspaper announcing a \_\_\_\_\_ convention in Seneca Falls, New York. The organized movement for women's \_\_\_\_\_ was about to begin.

### The Declaration of Sentiments

On July 19, 1848, almost 300 \_\_\_\_\_, including 40 men, arrived for the Seneca Falls Convention. Many were \_\_\_\_\_, Quakers, or other reformers. Some were local housewives, farmers, and factory workers.

The \_\_\_\_\_ organizers modeled their proposal for women's rights, the **Declaration of Sentiments**, on the \_\_\_\_\_. "We hold these truths to be self-evident," the document began, "that all men and women are created equal."

Just as the Declaration of Independence listed King George's acts of \_\_\_\_\_ over the colonists, the new declaration listed acts of tyranny by men over \_\_\_\_\_. Man did not let woman \_\_\_\_\_. He did not give her property \_\_\_\_\_, even to her own wages. He did not allow her to practice \_\_\_\_\_ like medicine and law.

Stanton's presentation of the declaration at the convention was her first \_\_\_\_\_. A few other women also summoned the courage to speak. One of them, Charlotte Woodward, was a 19-year-old factory worker. "Every fiber of my being," she said, "rebelled all the hours that I sat and sewed gloves for a miserable \_\_\_\_\_ which, after it was earned, could never be mine."

### Debate About the Right to Vote

The convention passed \_\_\_\_\_ in favor of correcting these injustices. Then Stanton \_\_\_\_\_ that women demand the right to vote. For many, this step was too \_\_\_\_\_. Even Mott cried, "Thou will make us ridiculous! We must go slowly."

At this point, Stanton received powerful support from another participant at the convention, Frederick Douglass. Everyone who believed that \_\_\_\_\_ men should have the right to vote, Douglass argued, must also favor giving black women the right to vote. And that meant all women should have this \_\_\_\_\_ right. Inspired by Douglass's speech, the convention voted narrowly to approve this last resolution.

### The Legacy of Seneca Falls

The Seneca Falls Convention helped to create an \_\_\_\_\_ campaign for women's rights. Sojourner Truth, who would later mesmerize an audience by asking defiantly, "Ain't I a woman?" became an active \_\_\_\_\_ in the movement

Elizabeth Cady Stanton didn't like speaking at conventions, but she could \_\_\_\_\_ moving speeches. Fortunately, she made friends with Susan B. Anthony, a \_\_\_\_\_ with a flair for public speaking.

While Stanton stayed in Seneca Falls to raise her children, Anthony \_\_\_\_\_ from town to town, speaking for women's rights. Of their lifelong teamwork, Stanton said, "I forged the thunderbolts, she fired them."

Slowly, reformers for women's rights made \_\_\_\_\_. New York gave women control over their property and \_\_\_\_\_. Massachusetts and Indiana passed more \_\_\_\_\_ divorce laws. Elizabeth Blackwell started her own \_\_\_\_\_, including a medical school to train other female doctors.

Other reforms would take \_\_\_\_\_ to become reality. Of all the women who \_\_\_\_\_ the declaration at Seneca Falls, just one would live to vote for \_\_\_\_\_ legally-Charlotte Woodward.