

Comparing Declarations Group Recording Sheet

Names:

Please work together as a group, discuss your ideas, and have one person record your group's response to each of the following questions.

1. Read the first two paragraphs of The Declaration of Independence and the first two paragraphs of the Seneca Falls Declaration. Highlight shared phrases or structure. Circle key differences in content.

- How are they similar?
- How are they different?

2. What phrases or structures from the Declaration of Independence are repeated in the Declaration of Sentiments? Why do you think Elizabeth Cady Stanton and her coauthors chose to do this?

3. Following the first two paragraphs in the Declaration of Independence are listed a series of grievances against the monarchy. Following the first two paragraphs in the Declaration of Sentiments are listed a series of grievances (sentiments) against the patriarchal system in 1848. Select five of these sentiments and rewrite them in your own words, modern day English that we can easily understand.

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4. Following the list of sentiments, there is a list of resolutions, things the participants at the Convention wanted done to solve these problems. Select three of these resolutions and rewrite them in your own words.

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5. How did the grievances in the Declaration reflect the everyday lives of women in 1848? Can you give examples?

6. Why might using the same structure as the Declaration of Independence have made the Sentiments more persuasive — or more controversial?