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## Handout 1: Expanding Voting Rights for Women in the United States

### *How has the U.S. Constitution changed over time?*

**Directions:** As a group, analyze the timeline and then answer the questions that follow. Each student should fill out their own handout.

### Voting Rights for Women

1787	The U.S. Constitution is ratified. Every state but New Jersey denied voting rights to women.
1807	New Jersey takes away women's right to vote.
1865	The Fourteenth Amendment is passed, granting all citizens equal protection under the law.
1874	The U.S. Supreme Court rules that a Missouri law can prevent women from voting because the right to vote is not protected under the Fourteenth Amendment.
1878	An amendment to grant women the right to vote is introduced in Congress.
1893-1918	State governments across the United States begin to give women the right to vote.
1919	The U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate pass the Nineteenth Amendment, granting women the right to vote in federal and state elections.
1922	The U.S. Supreme Court rules the Nineteenth Amendment is part of the U.S. Constitution and applies to all states.

1. Using information from the timeline, describe one way that the legislative branch changed the U.S. Constitution.

2. Using information from the timeline, describe one way that the judicial branch changed how the U.S. Constitution was interpreted.