



Additional Activity – Women in Education

| Title of Activity | "You can be a teacher or a nurse" |
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| Type of Activity | Multi-grade (9-12) Critical thinking , Comparative Study Journal entry |
| Suggested Subjects | Social Sciences and Humanities, Communications, English, History, Business Studies |





Description of activity

In the 19th century, women could be nurses, teachers or secretaries. Most of the doors to a post-secondary education were closed.

compare education that was available to women 100 years ago to now.

- which careers could women enter?
- how and when did this change?
- what are some of the social, economical and political implications of these changes?

Here are some resources that may help with initial research Article Rural Teachers in Canada

<u>Looking Back: Women's History in Ontario Teacher Federations</u>

<u>Women's education grew in the 19th Century as attitudes changed, but challenges remained</u>

A Brief History of Women in Higher Education

Women as teachers:

The following are the rules that teachers were forced to follow at the beginning of the 19th century in Canada.

(link: https://vancouversun.com/news/staff-blogs/rules-for-teachers-then-and-now)

These rules were posted in the handbook for teachers:

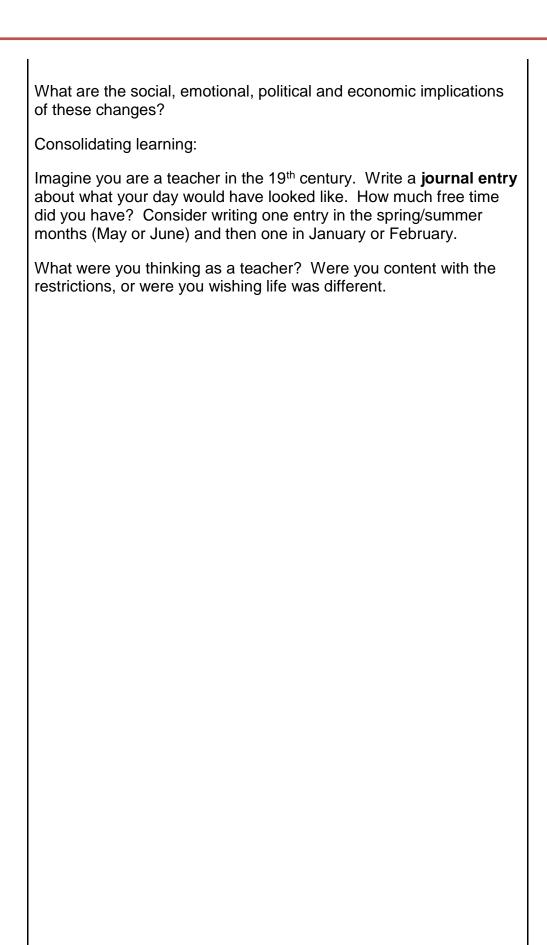
- 1. You will not keep company with married men.
- 2. You will not marry during the term of the contract.
- 3. You must be home between the hours of 8 pm and 6 am.
- 4. You must not loiter downtown in any of the ice cream stores.
- 5. You may not travel beyond the city limits unless you have the permission of the chairman of the board.
- 6. You may not ride in carriage or automobile with any man unless it be your father or your brother.
- 7. You may not smoke cigarettes.
- 8. You may not dress in bright colours, and you may not under any circumstances dye your hair.
- 9. You must wear at least two petticoats, and your dresses may not be shorter than two inches above your ankles.
- 10. You must keep the school neat and clean, sweep the floor at least once daily and scrub the floor at least once a week with hot, soapy water.
- 11. You must clean the blackboards once a day, and start the fire at 7 am so the room will be warm at 8 am.

Women were forced to leave the profession once they chose to get married.

What jobs are closed to women in the present day?











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