

✘ Potential Response Guide: Women and the vote

There is no single set of correct answers to the case study card placement activity in *Civic Action, Then and Now*. Many cards could comfortably fit in more than one category: the discussion and reasoning are more important than the answers.

However, here is one possible set of responses that may be helpful to teachers.

Participating as an individual

1	Sign a petition Individual women and men signed a petition in favour of Manitoba women getting the right to vote.
2	Collect signatures on a petition Amelia Burritt, age 93, personally collected over 4,000 names on a petition supporting Manitoba women's right to vote.
3	Write articles for newspapers and magazines Francis Marion Beynon wrote a regular "women's page" for the <i>Grain Growers Guide</i> that highlighted equality issues.
4	Donate money to support the cause Mary Hamble donated funds to the Manitoba Political Equality League, which promoted women's right to vote.
5	Attend an event Women and men showed their support for women's right to vote by attending meetings, rallies, lectures and social events.

Working Together as a Group

1	<p>Create a group of local supporters</p> <p>The Manitoba Political Equality League was founded to promote equality and obtain the right to vote for women in the province.</p>
2	<p>Join with national organizations</p> <p>Local women's groups worked with national organizations such as the Woman's Christian Temperance Union to help further their cause.</p>
3	<p>Hold group activities</p> <p>Manitoba women held social events or "Pink Teas" in their homes so women could discuss issues related to the struggle for equality.</p>
4	<p>Build alliances with others</p> <p>Manitoba women's groups got support from other organizations, such as the Manitoba Grain Growers Association.</p>

Building Public Support

1	<p>Give public talks</p> <p>Nellie McClung, a novelist and activist, went on speaking tours to promote her writings and women's voting rights.</p>
2	<p>Create a publication</p> <p>A monthly magazine, <i>Freyja</i> (which means "woman" in Icelandic), was published in Manitoba to educate readers about women's rights.</p>
3	<p>Take part in public events</p> <p>The Manitoba Political Equality League set up a booth at the Winnipeg Stampede, where they handed out pamphlets in favour of women getting the vote.</p>
4	<p>Attract attention through advertising</p> <p>The Manitoba Political Equality League ordered 100 banners to hang on Winnipeg streetcars as rolling ads.</p>
5	<p>Use humour to get noticed</p> <p>Women staged a mock parliament with a humorous debate on whether men should have the vote.</p>
6	<p>Collect signatures on a petition</p> <p>Women brought petitions to church meetings, family gatherings and fall fairs where they could persuade a lot of people to sign.</p>

Working Through the Political System

1	<p>Speak to the legislature</p> <p>Leaders of various organizations gave inspiring speeches in the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba.</p>
2	<p>Get involved in election campaigns</p> <p>Women volunteered to help provincial electoral candidates who would, if elected, support women's voting rights in the legislature.</p>
3	<p>Present a petition</p> <p>A petition with over 40,000 signatures was presented to the provincial premier to show there was political support for women's voting rights.</p>
4	<p>Promote introduction of a bill</p> <p>Activists convinced Premier Norris to introduce a bill in the Manitoba legislature to extend the vote to women in the province.</p>
5	<p>Contact an elected member</p> <p>Women contacted all members of the Manitoba legislature to demand that women get the right to vote and to run as provincial candidates.</p>