

# Strengthening Democracy in New York State

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## Learning Adventure Essential Questions:

- How did New York lead the nation in working for equality?
- How did the Declaration of Independence's line that "all men are created equal" and have the right to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" help lead New Yorkers on the road to democracy?
- Who stood in the way of democracy and civil rights in New York?
- How did New Yorkers contribute to democratic changes in America?
- How can the actions of everyday people help contribute to the greater good?
- How did our constitution and people's beliefs work together to benefit Americans?

## Guiding questions to help metacognitive modeling and understanding:

- How did the culture of Native Americans change?
- How did expansion and movement of people cause a culture change?
- How were New Yorkers leaders in the abolitionist movement?
- What were women seeking during the women's rights movement?
- Did life improve for the early immigrants?
- Do you think the adversity suffered by immigrants from many different nationalities might have brought them together?
- What impacts of the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory disaster are still in effect today? (This may require research.)
- What change agents were born in New York? (People, movements, laws, and other agents of change.) How did their mission survive over time?
- How did groups and individuals stand in the way of democracy and civil rights in New York?

## Available Graphic Organizer Assessments tools:

- Reading and Analyzing Nonfiction (RAN)
- Find Support for the Main Idea
- Thinking about Evidence
- Supporting a Claim with Textual Evidence
- Identifying Main Ideas and Details
- Supporting Details
- Main Idea, Support, and Summary
- Summarizing the Main Ideas
- Drawing Conclusions from Information
- Cause-Effect-Why Chart
- Two Views: Two Sides to the Story
- Dilemmas and Decisions
- Multiple Causes and Multiple Effects
- VIPs: Very Important Points and People
- In Your Own Words
- Evidence-Based Claim Evaluation (EBC)
- Writing with Evidence Rubric

## Available blackline masters:

- Word Sort
- Map of New York
- Event Cards
- Date Cards
- People to Know
- Map of United States
- Event Strips