

Describe the first wave of feminism. Its achievements.

Answer 1-

Introduction

"One is not born to become woman, one is born to become one."

(- Simone de Beauvoir)

The first wave of feminism is the root of other waves. Before this wave, the woman was oppressed. However, contribution in the first wave of feminism made the feminism perspective significant. It was the movement to get political right, namely "Suffrage Movement" (Right to Vote). Moreover, it promotes education, too. Thus, the first wave of feminism became significant for other waves.

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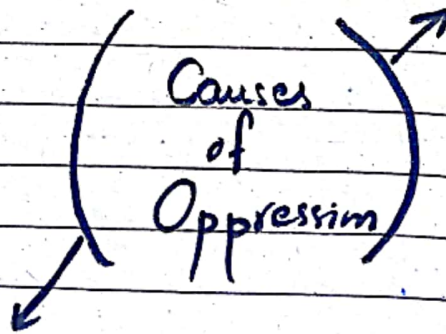
Origin of woman - before the waves of feminism

"Man's equality respects women's equality"

(-Jeremaiah)

Before waves of feminism the woman was oppressed by man. The patriarchy was dominant and woman was deprived of every right and in every field. i.e., education, employment, work place and so on. Thus, before waves of feminism women was oppressed by man.

Unequal Education



Unequal employment

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Waves of feminism -
an overview

Following table
shows waves of
feminism:

Waves	Time Scale
First	1848 - 1920
Second	1960 - 1980
Third	1990 - today

- waves of feminism

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Contribution in the
first wave of feminism

Women believed
liberty comes from freedom
and equality. In fact,
they wanted to get
political rights, right
to vote in order
to get other rights.
Mary Wollstonecraft says

"Women not rule
over men, but

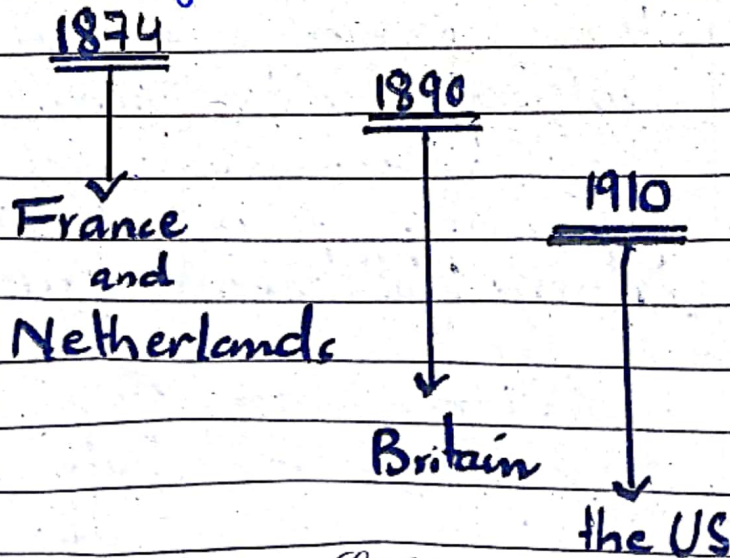
sale over themselves."

Thus, contribution came from liberal ideas of Mary Wollstone in the first wave of feminism

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Emergence of the first wave of feminism - Historical Background

The word "feminism" first introduced in the Netherlands and France in 1874. In 1890, it also got birth in the Britain and in 1910, the United States became familiar of the word "feminism". Thus, feminism promoted from the first wave till today.



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Definition

"The first wave of feminism was all about political right - 'right to vote' and the first wave of feminism played a significant role in giving right to vote."

(The Suffrage Movement)

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The Suffrage Movement - Right to Vote

In 1869, the movement was launched in the USA to give right to vote to women. The National Women Suffrage Association in Seneca Falls Convention was initiated for women's right to vote. Thus, women put forward the step to get political right.

"If women would not be powerful,
If women would not be influential,
Men would not get so much time to get women down."

(- Jessica Valentine)

8- Key features of the first wave of feminism

Key features of the first wave of feminism includes no discrimination, no slavery, rather equality. Below chart represents the key features of the first wave of feminism.

The first wave

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No Discrimination

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Freedom

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Equality

9- Achievements of the first wave of feminism

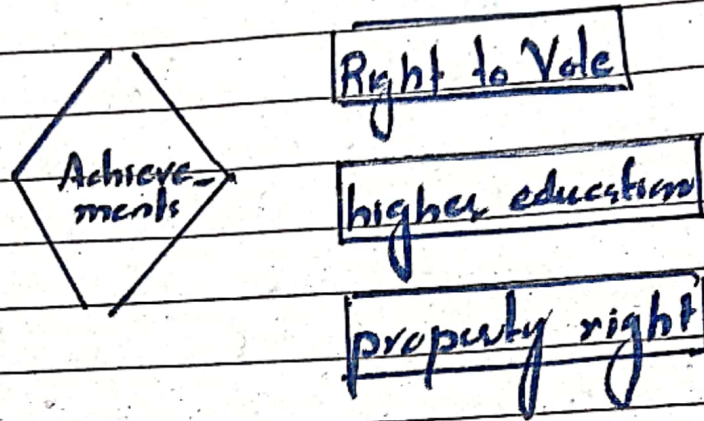
First wave of feminism led foundation of political right - right to vote. In 1893, New Zealand gave the right to vote to women. Further, in 1902, Australia passed a bill to give right to vote to women. Moreover, in 1920, the nineteenth amendment of the US constitution was declared right to vote to women.

Right to Vote

- 1893 - New Zealand
- 1902 - Australia
- 1920 - the United States

Moreover it also focused on the higher education of women and right to hold property. Hence, the first wave of feminism became

the roots of other waves of feminism



• Achievements of the first wave of feminism

10 - Limitations of the first wave of feminism

The first wave of feminism only focused on right to vote and education.

In the first wave of feminism, middle class women were seemed still away from their right to vote. Despite, the first wave of feminism became more successful.

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Conclusion

"Man is biologically partner of woman for his race, but being feminist woman will get her right in every field."

(Kate Millet, 1970)

The first wave of feminism was the movement to give political right - (right to vote) to women. In fact, the first wave of feminism was the pillar of other waves of feminism.