



# International Women's Day

The passage below is from *History of Woman Suffrage*, Volume I, Edited by Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, and Matilda Joslyn Gage. The book was written in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, decades before the first International Women's Day. Reflect on the passage. Then answer the questions.

It is often asserted that as woman has always been man's slave--subject--inferior--dependent, under all forms of government and religion, slavery must be her normal condition. This might have some weight had not the vast majority of men also been enslaved for centuries to kings and popes, and orders of nobility, who, in the progress of civilization, have reached complete equality. And did we not also see the great changes in woman's condition, the marvelous transformation in her character, from a toy in the Turkish harem, or a drudge in the German fields, to a leader of thought in the literary circles of France, England, and America!

What "great changes in women's condition" does the passage reference?

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What further "great changes in women's condition" do you think still need to be made in order to fully realize these women's vision?

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