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WORKSHEET

Chapter 16: The Postwar Period-1945-1980 Section 4: Civil Rights Movements

Proposed Equal Rights Amendment

Directions: The changing status of women in American society was a very important change in twentieth-century society. Read the text of the proposed Equal Rights Amendment and answer the questions that follow.

Section 1. Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.

Section 2. The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provision of this article.

Section 3. This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification.

Source: The Equal Rights Amendment, proposed Amendment XXVII, proposed by Congress on March 22, 1972.

1. State in your own words what was proposed in the amendment. _____

2. Do you believe the ERA is/was needed? Why or why not? _____

3. What are/were some arguments against the ERA? _____

4. The ERA did not receive enough votes for ratification. Do you think another attempt should be made to gain ratification? Why or why not? _____

