

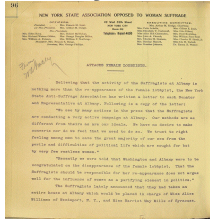
## Assessing with Primary Sources

**Grade Level:** Grade 6

**Standard(s) or Objectives:** CCSS.RI.6.1- Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

CCSS. RI.6.2- Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments

### Library of Congress Resources:



New York State Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage Thirteenth Annual Report, 1909 (Anti-suffragists)

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### Topic Background:

The New York State Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage was founded in 1897, and by 1908 it had over 90 members. It was active in producing pamphlets and publications explaining their views of women's suffrage, until the Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution was passed in 1920. A Geneva branch was founded in 1909. The suffragists in New York often extended invitations to open discussion with the anti-suffragists.

Excerpted from: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anti-suffragism>

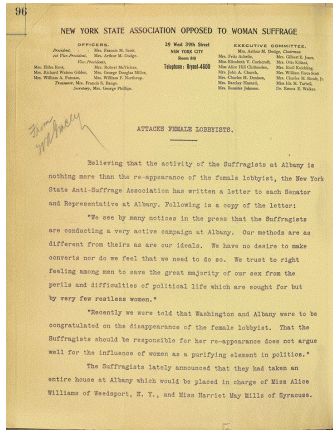
### Source(s) Used:

The source used for this assessment is a letter. New York State Association Opposed to Women Suffrage circular letter to New York legislators alleges "no desire to make converts" while charging that suffragists have established a female lobby in Albany.

### Answer Key:

Question 1 - A & B

Question 2- C



Believing that the activity of the Suffragists at Albany is nothing more than the re-appearance of the female lobbyist, the New York State Anti-Suffrage Association has written a letter to each Senator and Representative at Albany. Following is a copy of the letter:

“We see by many notices in the press that the Suffragists are conducting a very active campaign at Albany. Our methods are as different from theirs as are our ideals. We have no desire to make converts nor do we feel that we need to do so. We trust to right feeling among men to save the great majority of our sex from the perils and difficulties of political life which are sought for but by very few restless women.”

“Recently we were told that Washington and Albany were to be congratulated on the disappearance of the female lobbyist. That the Suffragists should be responsible for her re-appearance does not argue well for the influence of women as a purifying element in politics.”

The Suffragists lately announced that they had taken an entire house at Albany which would be in charge of Miss Alice Williams of Weedsport, N.Y., and Miss Harriet May Mills of Syracuse.

## Questions:

1. Which specific example illustrates that the author is against women suffrage? Choose two answers. (CCSS. RI.6.2)

- A. We have no desire to make converts nor do we feel that we need to
- B. We trust men to save the great majority of our sex from the perils and difficulties of political life which are sought for but by very few restless women.
- C. Suffragists are conducting a very active movement in Albany
- D. Washington and Albany are to be congratulated on the disappearance of the female lobbyist

2. What is the central focus of the letter? (CCSS.RI.6.1)

- A. The author is in favor of suffragists bringing the power of women to the society
- B. The author is in favor of having the great majority of their population to be of males
- C. The author is against the suffragist movement and disappearance of female lobbyist
- D. The author favors female lobbyists and condemns the acts against their removal