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Station Activity: Graphic Organizer

Station 1: Primary Source Analysis

Pro: Shirley Chisholm Speech, <i>“For the Equal Rights Amendment”</i>	Con: Letter from John McCreary (Attorney) to Congressman Cellar
Why does Chisholm think the passage of the ERA is important? Cite at least 2 reasons:	What is McCreary’s biggest concern about the ERA?
Give 2 examples of legal benefits the ERA would secure for women:	Why do you think he focuses on women needing to be special or exceptional to men?
Give 2 examples of economic benefits the ERA would secure for women:	List 1 main reason as to why the ERA should not be ratified:
What does Chisholm mean when she says, “Legal discrimination between the sexes is, in almost every instance, founded on outmoded views of society and the pre-scientific beliefs about psychology and physiology”:	Is giving women special protections equality? What does McCreary’s argument have in common with some previous opposition points we’ve discussed?

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Station 2: Political Cartoon Analysis

Political Cartoon 1: Gender Roles Cartoon, 1982

1. What is the husband complaining about in the cartoon?
2. What fear about the ERA is this cartoon appealing to? What will women become if an amendment like this is passed?

Political Cartoon 2: National Women's Party, 1923

1. How does this cartoon represent women? What is their primary role during this time?
2. What criticism of that role is the NWP trying to provide?

Political Cartoon 3: ERA: Trojan Horse of Abominations

1. What does the cartoonist mean when he calls the ERA a Trojan Horse?
2. What fear tactic is the cartoon utilizing? What will happen if the ERA is passed?

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Station 3: Phyllis Schlafly v. Betty Friedan ERA Debate

Phyllis Schlafly	Betty Friedan
Does she support or oppose:	Does she support or oppose:
List 2 major points she makes:	List 2 major points she makes:
What is her biggest concern with military involvement? Why should women get special treatment?	What does she say about housewives and why the ERA would be important for them?

***Focus should be on the first 6 minutes of the video**

Station 4: Research/Discuss

At this station, you and your group will do some research and find at least 3 laws in effect **today** that are not beneficial to women and reinforce gender discrimination. It can be a federal, state or local law. Write them down here:

Example 1:

Example 2:

Example 3:

Discuss with your group whether you think an ERA would be necessary. Consider the following:

- The 19th Amendment, granting women suffrage is the only mention of the word “woman” in the U.S. Constitution. Furthermore, the only right guaranteed to women by federal law is the right to vote.