WRITE FOR ABOUT FIVE MINUTES. USE BULLET POINTS TO INCLUDE AS MANY IDEAS AS YOU CAN.

EXPLAINING THE EMERGENCE OF MOVEMENTS FOR GENDER EQUALITY

The emergence of a social movement, such as the U.S. women’s rights movement, is often a puzzle for historians and social scientists to explain. While a specific form of social inequality may have a very lengthy history and some individuals may challenge, resist or transcend their secondary status, it is at specific moments in time that groups of people perceive a specific inequality as a injustice or oppression and collectively begin to form movements for social change.

Why do social movements for women’s and gender equality/empowerment emerge (as the first wave of the American women’s rights movement did in 1848 or the second wave did in the mid 1960s)? What are some of the social/historical (and individual) experiences/factors that motivate people to form and join women’s rights/gender equality movements? Try to name at least FIVE such experiences or factors.
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