

Name _____

The statements below are taken from a 2-part magazine article called "Female Suffrage" written in 1870 by Susan Fenimore Cooper, in which she argued that women should not be given the right to vote. Read each statement below. Is it fact (F) or opinion (O)? Write F or O on the line.

- _____ 1. The heart of every worthy woman is in her home.
- _____ 2. Any revolution aiming at upsetting the existing relations of the sexes—relations going back to the earliest records and traditions of the race—cannot be called less than formidable and dangerous.
- _____ 3. The great mass of women can never be made to take a deep, a sincere, a discriminating, a lasting interest in the thousand political questions ever arising to be settled by the vote.
- _____ 4. There are occasions where victory is more really perilous than a timely defeat; a temporary triumph may lead to ground which the victors cannot permanently hold to their own true and lasting advantage.
- _____ 5. In the common district schools, and even in the high schools of the larger towns, the same facilities are generally offered to both sexes; in the public schools brother and sister have, as a rule, the same books and the same teachers.
- _____ 6. In many departments where women are day-laborers for commercial firms they are inadequately paid, and compelled to provide food, lodging, fuel, and light out of scanty wages.
- _____ 7. In this country, at the present hour, there are restrictions upon the suffrage in every State. Those restrictions vary in character. They are either national, relating to color, political, mental, educational, connected with a property qualification, connected with sex, connected with minority of years, or they are moral in their nature.

ANSWERS

1. O

2. O

3. O

4. O

5. F

6. F

7. F