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The natural position of woman is clearly, to a limited degree, a subordinate one. Such it has always been throughout the world, in all ages, and in many widely different conditions of society. There are three conclusive reasons why we should expect it to continue so for the future (an why women should not have the right to vote).

From *Female Suffrage* by Susan Fennimore Cooper

Female suffrage is a reform demanded by the social conditions of our times, by the high culture of woman, and by the aspiration of all classes of society to organize and work for the interests they have in common. We cannot detain the celestial bodies in their course; neither can we check any of those moral movements that gravitate with irresistible force towards their center of attraction: Justice. The moral world is governed by the same laws as the physical world, and all the power of man being impotent to suppress a single molecule of the spaces required for the gravitation of the universe, it is still less able to prevent the generation of the ideas that take shape in the mind and strive to attain to fruition in the field of life and reality.

From *The Woman and the Right to Vote* by Rafael Palma

1. Read each passage. Name at least two things that the passages have in common.

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2. Explain how the author's point of view differs between the two passages.

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## **ANSWERS**

1. Both passages are about female suffrage. Both passages are persuasive.
2. The first passage is arguing against female suffrage; the second is arguing for it.