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From Seneca to Today

Directions: Read the historical passage carefully. Identify the **main ideas** of the event or document. Think about how the issues, struggles, or ideas in the passage relate to challenges we face today. Write a short response explaining at least one clear connection between the past and the present.

The Seneca Falls Convention (1848)

In July 1848, the first women's rights convention was held in Seneca Falls, New York. Organized by Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott, the convention brought together hundreds of men and women to discuss the rights of women in society. One of the key documents produced was the **Declaration of Sentiments**, which demanded equality for women in education, employment, property ownership, and voting. The declaration was modeled after the U.S. Declaration of Independence, declaring that "all men and women are created equal." While the idea of women voting was considered radical at the time, it sparked a movement that grew in strength over the decades. Though progress came slowly, the convention became a landmark event in the struggle for women's rights and social reform.

Write a **short paragraph (4-6 sentences)** explaining how the issues raised at the Seneca Falls Convention connect to a current issue involving equality or rights in today's world. Use evidence from both the passage and your own knowledge of current events.
