

Title IX

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The Title IX Act was a turning point in women's education and sports history. In 1972, President Richard Nixon signed the Education Amendment Act which included Title IX (Pruitt). This piece of legislation afforded women equality in their higher education. Title IX was signed into law on June 23, 1972 ("Education Amendment of 1972"). This piece of legislation was an historic turning point in education, making it one of the most important advancements towards gender equality ("Title IX Fact Sheet").

How I chose my topic is by searching for turning points in history and I had the options of the Spanish Flu, Pearl Harbor, Title IX. I wanted to choose Title IX because I had previous experience with the topic and I wanted to learn more about it. I chose my topic because I wanted to see how women in sports and education evolved throughout history. I was interested in women's rights and the fight to be equal to men. In my topic I wanted to learn how women's lives were before the Title IX act was placed, what they were allowed to do, and how they tried to change the law. Researching this topic further I found more details I wanted to know and learn about.

When I first started looking for sources I wanted to make sure each site covered what I needed. Some primary sources that were useful were the actual amendment and Title IX fact sheet that shows statistics from the National Archives. The National Archives source provided the amendment, when it was made, and who made it. The Title IX Fact Sheet provided information on how women were affected after the Title IX amendment was put into place.

When I first created my website I considered how my website would look with the idea of what would draw people in. I created the layout of my pages by putting them in order of what was shown in example websites from other people. The design of my website was based on the

colors of fight and hard work (red and black) because it took women a long time to receive rights to play sports and equal education. The pictures in my website were chosen by how they represented the Title IX amendment. I put pictures of women playing sports, the actual amendment, and stats about the growth. I put these to show how women's lives were affected for the better.

On June 23, 1972, the Title IX Act was put into place and for the first time women would be able to go to school and play in sports without discrimination (“Education Amendment of 1972”). In 1978, the population of women seeking higher education surged, impacting how many women played in sports (Pruitt). Today, Title IX has continued to influence women in sports. This has been an important factor in the battle for gender equality and in opening doors for women to reach their full potential. Title IX is truly a turning point in history for women.