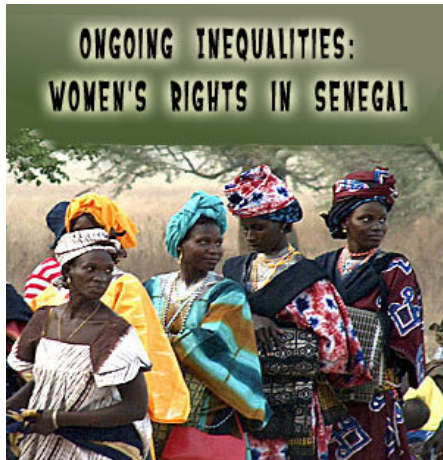


# TEACHER'S GUIDE



<b>Suggested level</b>	Secondary 1-2 (7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grade)
<b>Length</b>	55 minutes (1 period)
<b>Subjects</b>	English, language of instruction
<b>Broad Areas of Learning</b>	Citizenship and community life
<b>Focuses of Development</b>	Culture of peace
<b>Educational Aims</b>	Enhance students' awareness of the situation of women in Senegal.
<b>Subject-Specific Competencies</b>	To write self-expressive and information-based texts
<b>Cross-Curricular Competencies</b>	To communicate appropriately



## Background Information

In Senegal, women are under-represented in decision-making positions at both local and national levels. This phenomenon is above all linked to the socio-cultural context generated by a patriarchal system conferring control of power to men. Some Senegalese organizations, however, allow women to meet and organize, reinforcing their negotiating power in the face of local political and traditional institutions. Furthermore, mobilization campaigns and pressure on political representatives have led to the adoption of laws in favour of improving women's social status and the modification of laws that discriminate against women.

*Source: CIDA, Network Siggil Jigéen, Non Governmental Organization (NGO) in Western Africa on Women's Rights and Development (FEDDAF)*



## Instructions

The student is firstly invited to read the information presented, and then to write an

opinion essay of 250 words that will show his or her capacity to form and defend an opinion.



**You may wish to consult the following sources and offer them to your students to learn more about women's rights in Senegal:**

**Teacher's Packets about Africa «À la découverte du continent africain» :** [www.in-terre-actif.com/fr/show.php?id=348](http://www.in-terre-actif.com/fr/show.php?id=348)

**Collectif des Femmes pour la Défense de la Famille (COFDEF) (in French only):**

[www.h-net.org/~diopsafi/cofdef/index.html](http://www.h-net.org/~diopsafi/cofdef/index.html)

**About (Africa : women's history) :** [www.womenshistory.about.com/od/africa/](http://www.womenshistory.about.com/od/africa/)

**Human Rights Watch (Africa):** [www.hrw.org/doc/?t=africa](http://www.hrw.org/doc/?t=africa)

**Francophone African women's site (Famafrique) :** [www.famafrique.org](http://www.famafrique.org)

**The Internet and Women's Democratic Organizing :** [www.matrix.msu.edu/iwdo/index.php](http://www.matrix.msu.edu/iwdo/index.php)

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