

Lesson 4 - Timeline of D.C. Home Rule History (for teacher reference)

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1800	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Capital of the United States moved from Philadelphia to the City of Washington
1802	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Citizens protested for self-government• Congress gave the City of Washington a charter and a Council• Voters elected Council• Council passed local laws and determined some taxes• President gave the City of Washington a mayor
1871	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Combined Alexandria, Georgetown, and the City of Washington• Became District of Columbia• District was 10 miles square• Three commissioners governed
1948 to 1966	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Home Rule bills introduced in Congress• None of the bills passed• Struggle for D.C. Home Rule continued
1967	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Congress removed the three-commissioner government• Walter Washington became Mayor-Commissioner
1970	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Earned right to elect a representative to Congress• Representative could not vote• First time in 100 years that Washingtonians had the chance to elect a representative to Congress
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Write your response in the space below.

Lesson 4 - Exit Ticket (for teacher reference)

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Summarize the history of Home Rule in Washington, D.C.

Write your response in the space below.

Student answers will vary.

- *The struggle for Washington, D.C. has been going on for over two hundred years. Progress has been made, but the steps have been very small. After many years of struggle, D.C. has earned some freedom to govern itself. The passing of the Home Rule Act of 1973 represents a milestone in Home Rule History; however, it only gave Washingtonians limited freedom in self-government.*

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Home rule is the government of a region by its own citizens. D.C. residents wanted the right to self-govern. They did not want Congress making decisions for them. The citizens protested for home rule.