

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

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- Capital of the United States moved from Philadelphia to the City of Washington



1802

- The Organic Act of 1871
- Combined Alexandria, Georgetown, and the City of Washington and became District of Columbia

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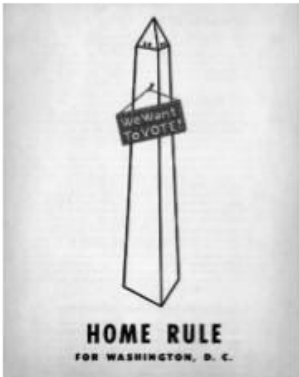
- City of Washington and the Territory of Columbia established
- Formed from land that came from Maryland and Virginia



- Citizens protested for self-government
- President gave the City of Washington a mayor

1871





1948 to 1966

- Walter Washington became Mayor-Commissioner



- The District of Columbia Home Rule Act became a United States federal law
- Walter Washington became the first Home Rule Mayor of Washington, D.C.

1970

1973

- Home Rule bills introduced in Congress but none passed
- Struggle for D.C. Home Rule continued



- Earned right to elect a representative to Congress, but could not vote
- Had the chance to elect a representative to Congress



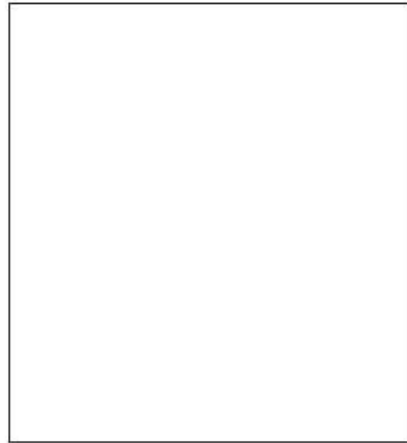
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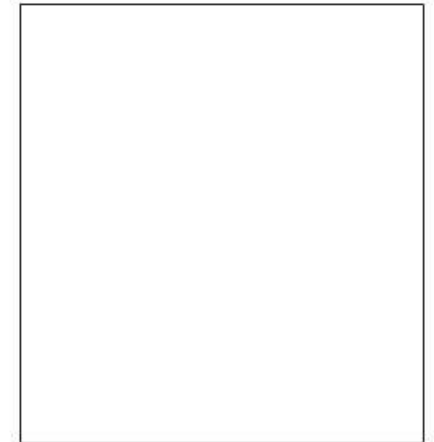
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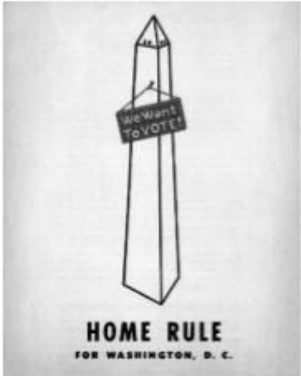


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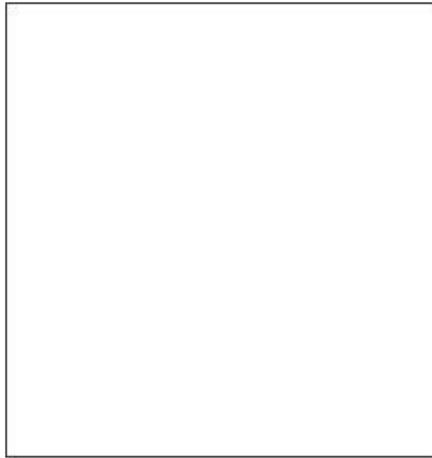


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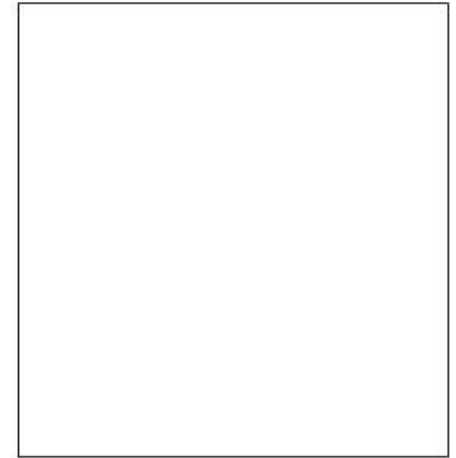




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What is Home Rule, and why was Home Rule so important to the residents of Washington?

Write your response in the space below.

Student responses may vary.

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.

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