**Making a Difference**

**Questions:**

1. What was the main purpose of the Woman’s Christian Temperance Union (WCTU)? See “Introduction” for more information.
2. What causes, in addition to temperance, did the Arkansas chapter of WCTU support according to their 1911 superintendent’s report?
3. What strategies did WCTU activists implement to achieve their goals? How did they popularize their causes and what did they do to push their agenda?
4. The report lists some initiatives that were successful and others that failed. What causes gained the support of legislators, all of whom were men, and what causes did not?
5. Based on this report, how did American women engage in politics before they were able to vote?
6. One of the most powerful and effective strategies applied by WCTU members was to write letters and telegrams to local and national legislators. Think of one social justice cause that you care about and write a letter to a member of a state or national legislature in support of the cause.
7. The temperance movement was one of the most popular movements in US history. Temperance was also one of few causes that attracted the support of women from all walks of life – rich, poor, urban, rural, educated, and those who never went to school. Why do you think the temperance cause was so popular in the United States and especially among women?