

Read paragraphs 8-10 of “An Address by Elizabeth Cady Stanton” from “An Address by Elizabeth Cady Stanton” from “There seems now to be a kind of moral stagnation” to “to look for silver and gold from mines of copper and lead.”

1. How does Cady Stanton describe the situation in “our midst”?
2. What have philanthropists done?
3. What is the response of the “nation” to the sins “dragged naked before” them?
4. To what does “those monsters” refer?
5. How does the conjunction “but” help clarify the meaning of the word “*vice*” in paragraph 8?
6. How does Cady Stanton use imagery in the last sentence to further describe the “moral stagnation in our midst”?

7. How does the idea that “The voice of woman has been silenced” interact with an idea in paragraph 4?
8. How does Cady Stanton support her claim that “man cannot fulfill his destiny alone, he cannot redeem his race unaided”?
9. How does Cady Stanton use figurative language to describe women in paragraph 10?
10. In what way are “the very fountains of life” “poisoned”? What impact does this “poison[]” have on “the nation”?
11. How does the idea “the world has never yet seen a truly great and virtuous nation” relate to ideas developed in paragraph 9?
12. How does Cady Stanton use references to “silver and gold” and “copper and lead” in paragraph 9?
13. How does the idea of a “truly great and virtuous nation” in paragraph 10 interact or build upon ideas developed in paragraphs 8 and 9?