

Antebellum Reformers,

Part 2

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Social Reform → Prostitution The “Fallen Woman”

Sarah Ingraham
(1802-1887)

- e 1835 → Advocate of Moral Reform
- e **Female Moral Reform Society** focused on the “Johns” & pimps, not the girls.

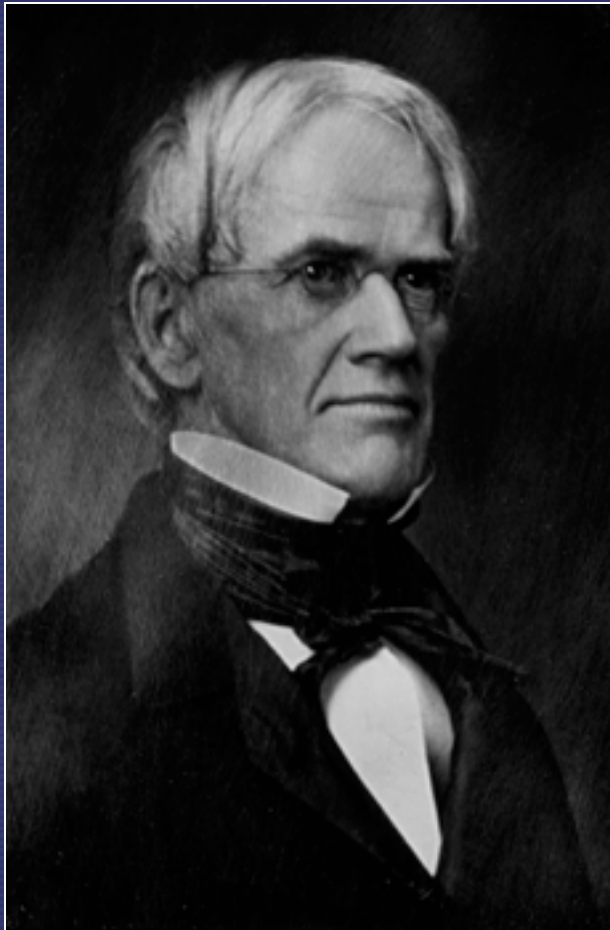
Educational Reform

Religious Training → Secular Education

- e MA → always on the forefront of public educational reform
 - * 1st state to establish tax support for local public schools.
- e By 1860 every state offered free public education to whites.
 - * US had one of the highest literacy rates.

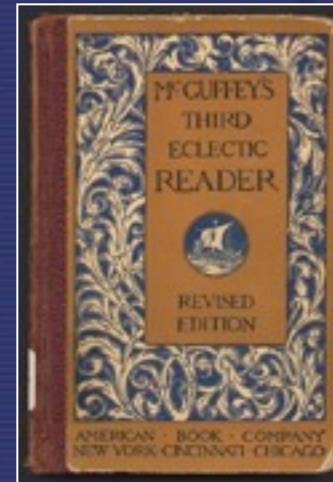
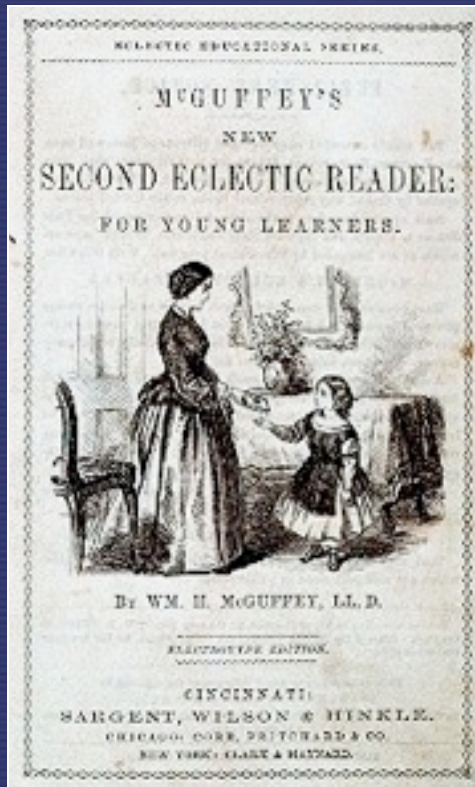
Horace Mann (1796–1859)

**"Father of
American Education"**



- e children were clay in the hands of teachers and school officials
- e children should be "molded" into a state of perfection
- e discouraged corporal punishment
- e established state teacher-training programs

The McGuffey Eclectic Readers



- e Used religious parables to teach "American values."
- e Teach middle class morality and respect for order.
- e Teach "3 Rs" + "Protestant ethic" (frugality, hard work, sobriety)

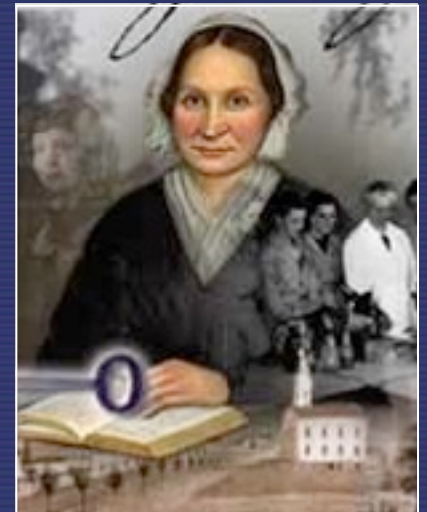
Women Educators



Emma Willard
(1787-1870)

- e Troy, NY Female Seminary
- e curriculum: math, physics, history, geography.
- e train female teachers

- e 1837 → she established **Mt. Holyoke** [So. Hadley, MA] as the first college for women.



Mary Lyons
(1797-1849)

“Separate Spheres” Concept “Cult of Domesticity”

- e A woman's “sphere” was in the home (it was a refuge from the cruel world outside).
- e Her role was to “civilize” her husband and family.
- e An 1830s MA minister:
The power of woman is her dependence. A woman who gives up that dependence on man to become a reformer yields the power God has given her for her protection, and her character becomes unnatural!

Early 19c Women

1. Unable to vote.
2. Legal status of a minor.
3. Single → could own her own property.
4. Married → no control over her property or her children.
5. Could not initiate divorce.
6. Couldn't make wills, sign a contract, or bring suit in court without her husband's permission.

What It Would Be Like If Ladies Had Their Own Way!



Cult of Domesticity = Slavery

The 2nd Great Awakening inspired women to improve society.



Angelina Grimké



Sarah Grimké



Lucy Stone

e Southern Abolitionists

e American Women's
Suffrage Assoc.

e edited Woman's Journal

Women's Rights

1840 → split in the abolitionist movement
over women's role in it.

London → **World Anti-Slavery Convention**



Lucretia Mott



Elizabeth Cady Stanton

1848 → **Seneca Falls Declaration of Sentiments**

Seneca Falls Declaration

