Name: Social Studies

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Today we will be talking about the dangers of alcohol.

Reporting on the dangers of alcohol started,**in the 1800s**. Many people took a pledge (swore) never to drink alcohol. They were part of a movement called **Temperance Movement** it had an enormous impact on our country. In the 1800's drinking was a way of life. People used to do hard physical labor (work)  and they often drank while working—**companies often paid workers with drinks as well as money**.

The Temperance Movement tried to solve this problem. The movement tried to lower or end people's drinking. The Temperance movement was so powerful some states passed laws***prohibiting***(ending) the sale of alcohol. When people took the pledge to stop drinking they joined what was called the "**Cold Water Army."**

Temperance Movement tried to change the world and make it better. They wanted to improve all parts of life including diet, fashion, the care for the mentally ill, the treatment of prisoners, world peace, rights of women, and end slavery.

 Over the course of the 1800s voting laws changed that allowed **all free white** **males,** regardless of their ownership of land and African American males received the right to vote (15th amendment).

In 1919 the Temperance Movement was successful in getting the **18th amendment passed**. (The 18th amendment made the production (making), sale and drinking of alcoholic beverages illegal in all states).

1. What impact on America did the Temperance Movement have?

2. Create a list of all the issues the Temperance movement wanted to solve in the 1800's.

3. Based upon question 2: Do you believe the Temperance Movement was successful? Why or why not?