

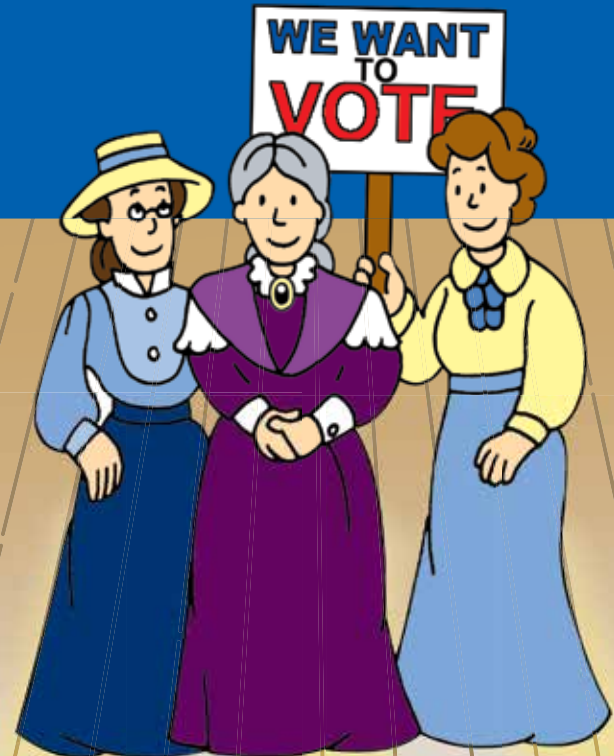
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Susan B. Anthony



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List of Characters

(in order of appearance)

- Group 1: Green
- Group 2: Blue
- Group 3: Orange
- Teacher: Light Blue
- Susan B. Anthony: Purple
- All: Red

When the characters speak in unison, it is noted as **All**.



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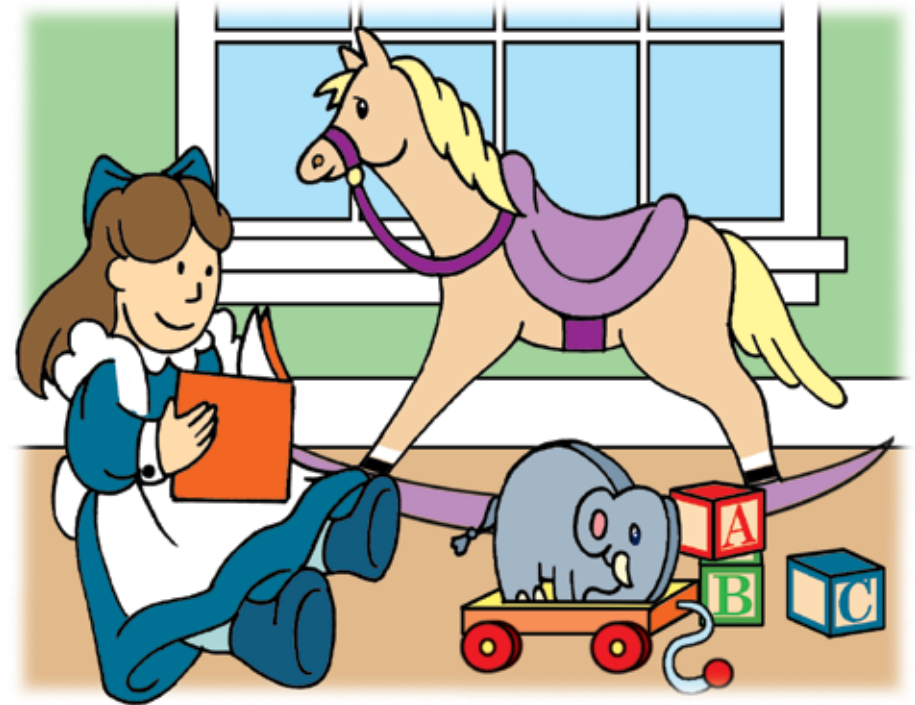
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Group 3: In 1978, America honored Susan B. Anthony in a special way. It put her face on the one-dollar coin. It was the first time in U.S. history that a woman appeared on a coin.

Group 1: Susan B. Anthony's hard work made it possible for women to have better jobs, better pay, better education, and the right to vote.

All: Thank you, Susan B. Anthony, for being a great leader and a great American.

Susan B. Anthony



Group 1: Susan B. Anthony was a great American. She fought for the rights of all people, especially women.

Group 2: Susan B. Anthony was born on February 15, 1820.



Group 3: She was very smart. She learned to read when she was only three years old.

Group 1: Susan B. Anthony liked school. One day, she noticed that her teacher would only explain some math problems to the boys in class.

Group 2: Susan B. Anthony asked why.

Teacher: Girls don't need to know long division, Susan.

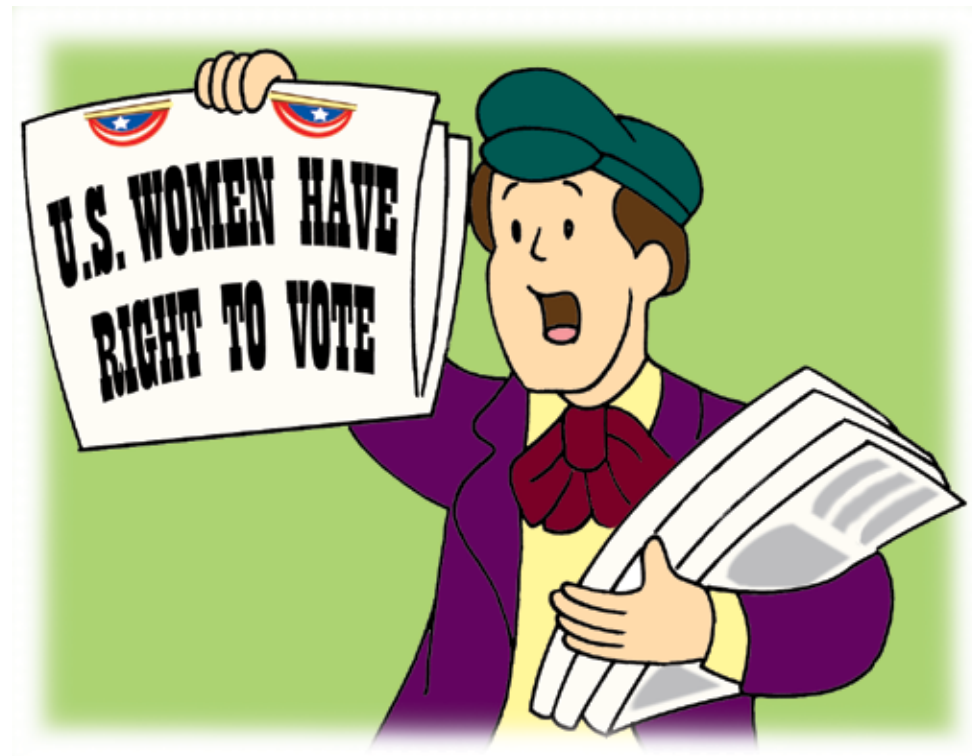
Group 3: That made Susan B. Anthony angry.

Susan B. Anthony: Boys and girls should be treated the same.

Group 1: So she moved her chair closer to the boys. She wanted to learn as much math as she could.

Group 1: Susan B. Anthony didn't live to see that wonderful day. She died in 1906.

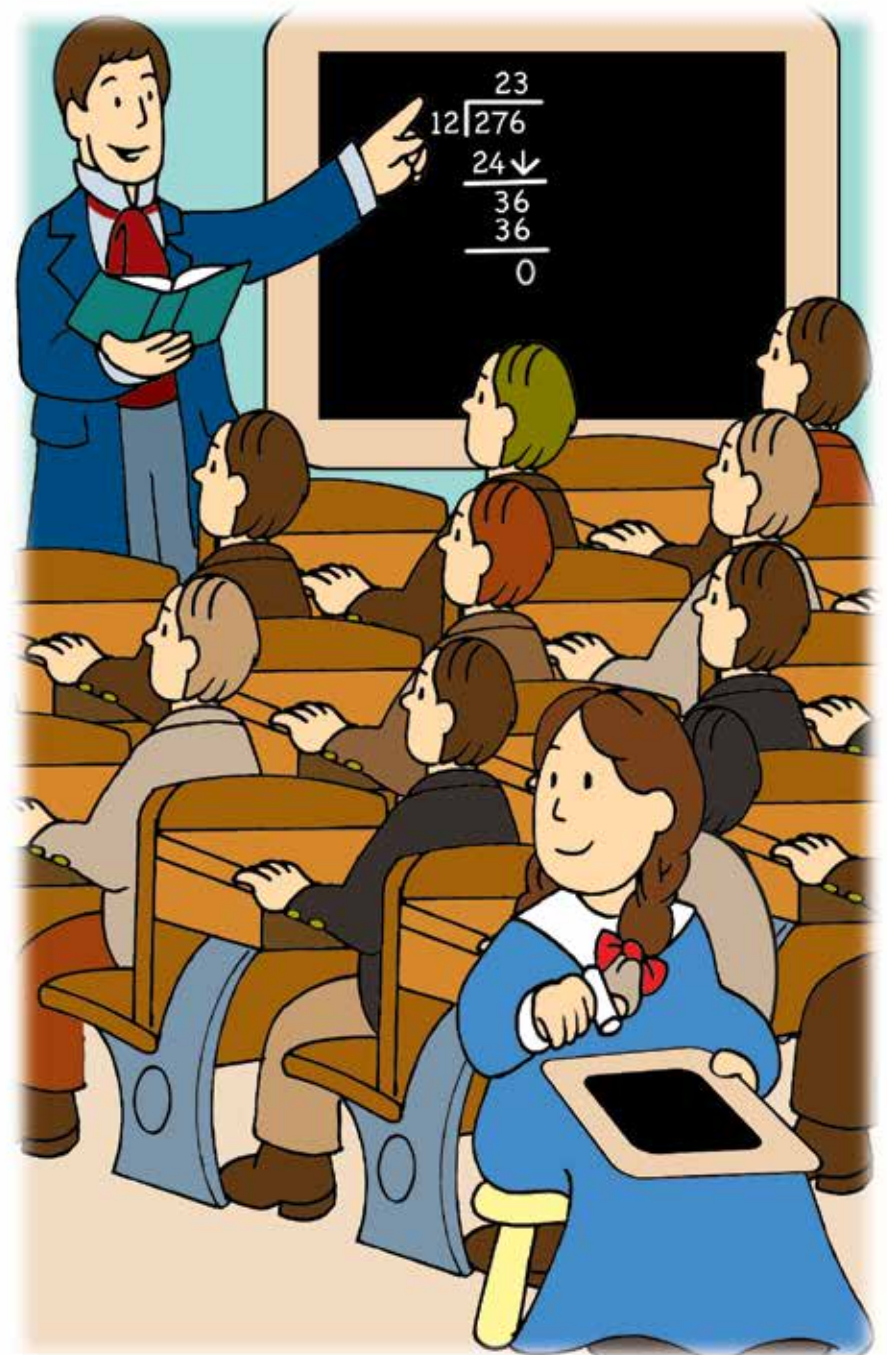
Group 2: But everyone remembers how she and others fought for women's rights.



Group 1: Susan B. Anthony never paid a dollar of her fine, just as she said.

Group 2: She continued to speak out for women's rights.

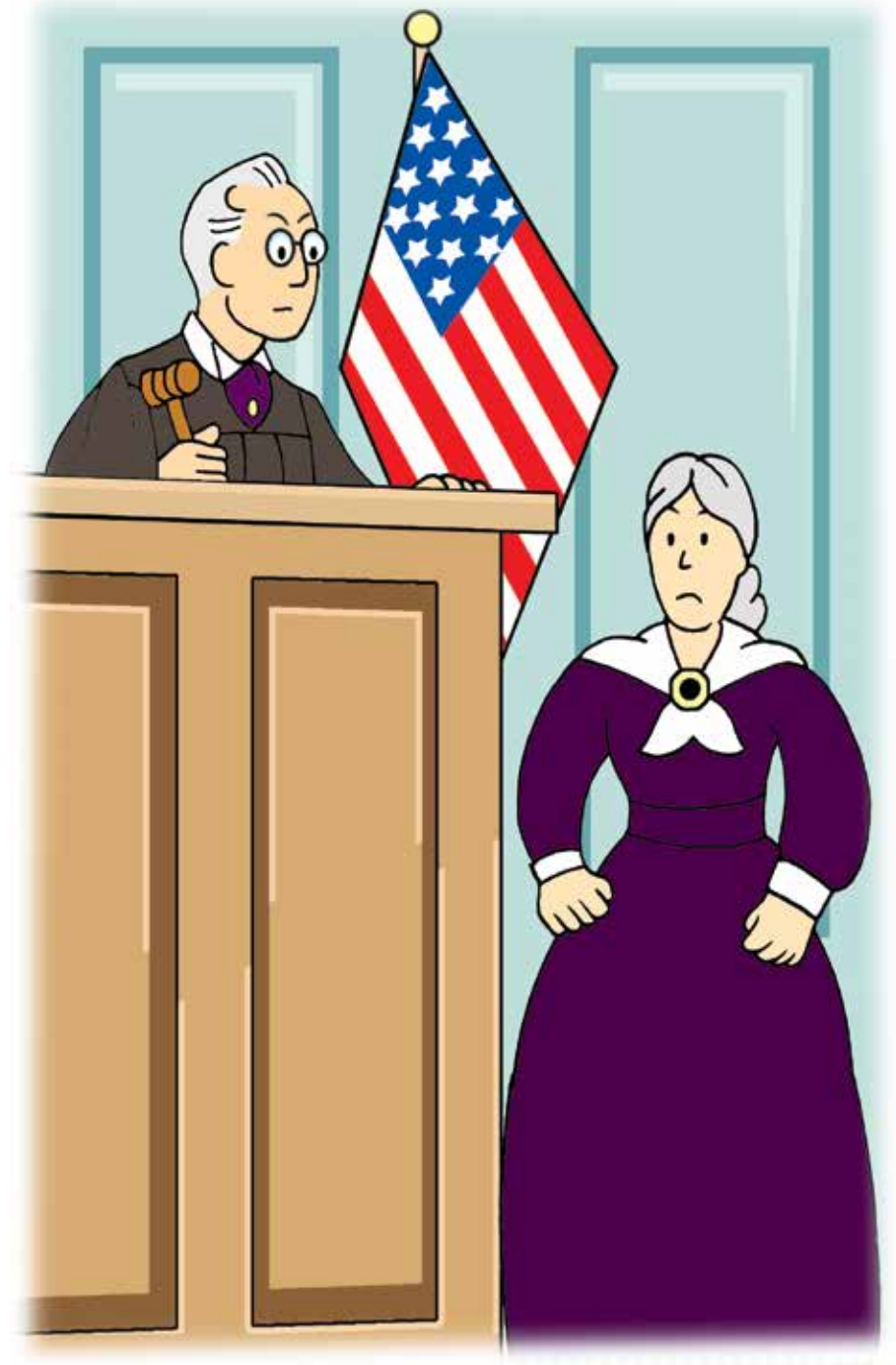
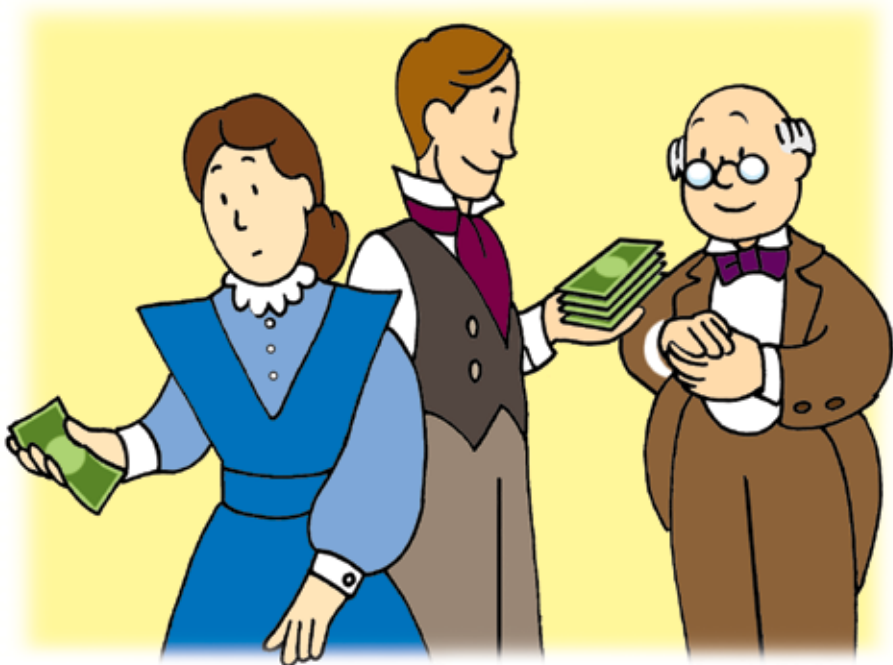
Group 3: In 1920, American women finally got the right to vote.



Group 2: Susan B. Anthony became a teacher when she grew up.

Group 3: In the 1840s, male teachers were paid four times more than female teachers. But both did the same work!

Susan B. Anthony: Are men worth more money than women? No way! Someday, I will do something about this!



Group 3: Susan B. Anthony was put on trial. The jury found her guilty.

Group 1: The judge said she had to pay a fine of one hundred dollars.

Susan B. Anthony: Your Honor, I will never pay a dollar of your fine. It isn't fair!

Group 2: Then Susan B. Anthony made a speech in court.

Susan B. Anthony: Look at the first words of the Constitution of the United States! It says, "We, the people, not we, the white male citizens."

All: The first words are: "We, the people of the United States."

Group 1: Susan B. Anthony cared about the rights of all people.

Group 2: At the time, some states allowed slavery. People like Susan B. Anthony fought against slavery.

Group 3: Susan B. Anthony and others knew that it was wrong to make people slaves. They knew that it was also wrong to treat women poorly!

Susan B. Anthony: Women work just as hard as men in America! They cook, clean, farm, run stores, and raise children! But they do not have the right to vote! This is wrong!

Group 1: After the Civil War ended, all the slaves were freed, and black men were given the right to vote.

Group 2: But American women—black or white—still couldn't vote.

Group 3: Susan B. Anthony and her friends decided to fight for women's rights. They traveled all over the country. They tried to convince others to join the fight for women's rights.

Group 1: Women didn't have the right to vote in any election, not even for the president.

Susan B. Anthony: Women will never be equal until they have the right to vote.

Group 2: On November 5, 1872, Susan B. Anthony tried to vote. The police arrested her.

