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March is Women's History Month

Meeting for Women's Rights

In 1848, a group of people met in Seneca Falls, N.Y. to talk about the problems women faced because they didn't have the same rights as men. At that time, women could not own property, they could not vote and very few could go to school.

The word **suffrage** means the right to vote in elections. A **suffragist** is a person who fights for suffrage.

This meeting was the first women's rights convention in the United States. At that meeting, men and women signed a document called the "Declaration of Sentiments and Resolutions." By signing, these people agreed to the goals of what was becoming the woman's movement.

For more than 70 years, women and men marched, wrote letters and articles, protested and picketed to get an Amendment to the Constitution which would give women the right to vote. These people were known as **suffragists**.

Draw lines to connect each identical protest sign.

Victory!

On May 21, 1919, the U.S. House of Representatives finally approved the **19th Amendment**, also known as the Susan B. Anthony Amendment, guaranteeing women the right to vote. That was just the first step. The U.S. Senate and at least three quarters of the states had to approve it before it would become the law of the land.

The United States Senate approved the amendment a week after the House.

On August 18, 1920, Tennessee became the last state needed to ratify the 19th Amendment.

One week later, on August 26, the 19th Amendment officially became part of the U.S. Constitution, forever protecting American women's right to vote.

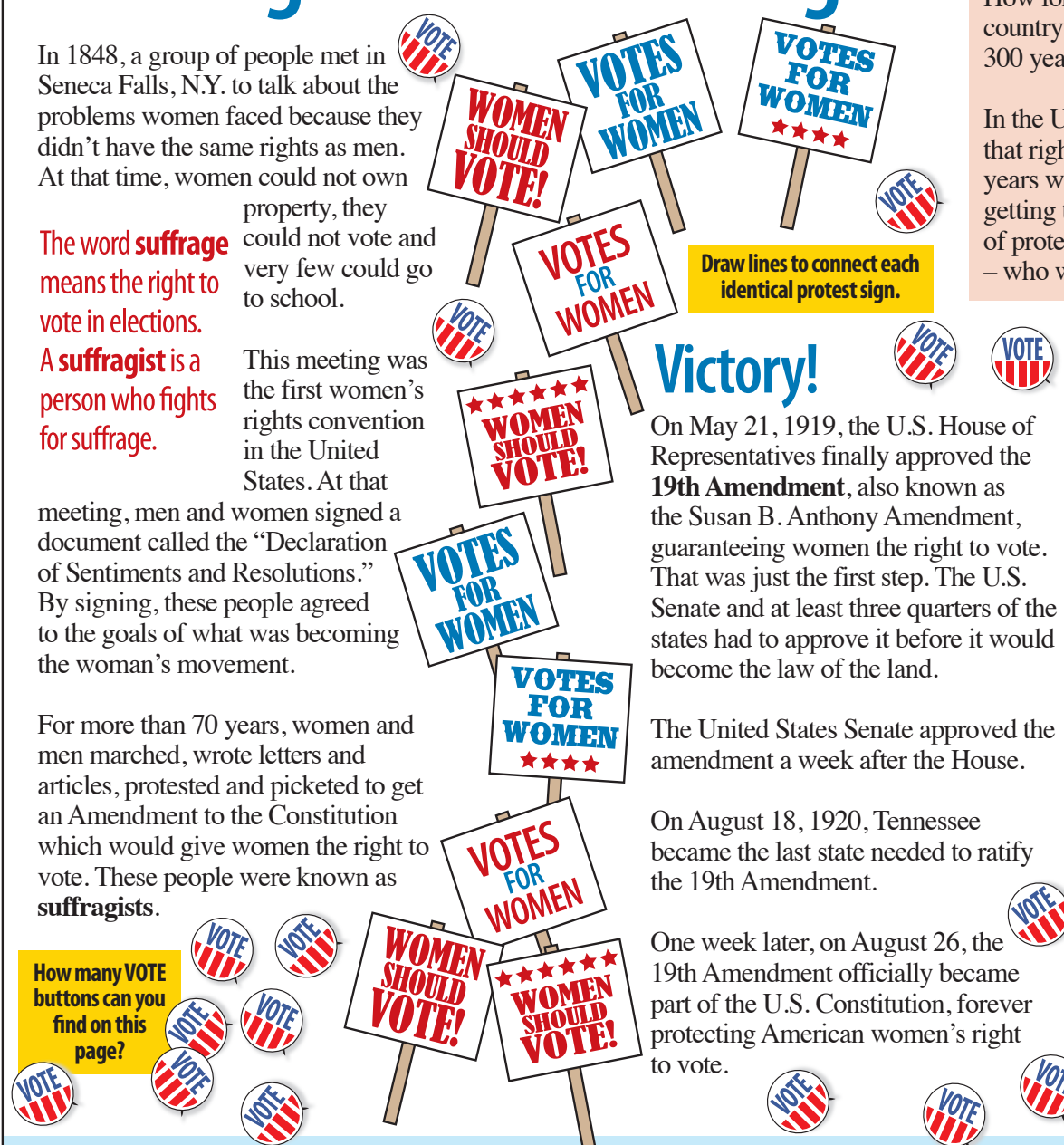
Can you imagine a world in which women do not have the right to vote?

How long do you think women in this country have had the right to vote? 300 years? 200 years? 150 years?

In the United States, women have had that right for only 100 years of the 244 years we have been a country. And getting the right to vote took decades of protesting and writing to lawmakers – who were all men at the time.

How many VOTE buttons can you find on this page?

Today, more than 68 million women vote in elections because of the courageous suffragists who never gave up the fight for equality.



Arrested for Voting?

On Election Day, Nov. 5, 1872, Susan B. Anthony walked into her polling place and voted.

Two weeks later, a U.S. marshal knocked on her door.

"I have a warrant for your arrest," he told Susan. "You are charged with voting without the lawful right to vote."

In 1872, by U.S. law, a person had to be 21 years or older to vote. Susan was born in 1820. Was she old enough to vote?

Susan met two other requirements for the right to vote. She was a U.S. citizen and she had never been convicted of a felony crime. Why was she arrested for voting?

Why was Susan B. Anthony arrested for voting? Use the code to find out!

CODE

● = A	▼ = H	◆ = M	◼ = R
◻ = C	○ = K	▲ = N	◻ = S
★ = E	◆ = L	⬆ = O	⚡ = W

Would Susan B. Anthony have been arrested for the same reason in 1921? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Women in Leadership

Today, women can vote and hold elected office. For several weeks, look through the newspaper for pictures of women who are leaders in the government. Make a scrapbook with the photos. Label each one with the woman's name, her job title and if she was elected to the job.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

In 1920, exactly 100 years after Susan was born, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was passed, giving women the right to vote.

While Susan did not live to see women get the right to vote, in 1979 she became the first woman to appear on U.S. money.

Look closely to find the coin that is different.

Standards Link: Investigation: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

S	D	W	K	N	I	H	T	S	P
U	E	U	O	F	A	A	F	R	R
F	T	R	W	M	L	S	O	A	O
F	E	S	N	K	E	P	U	G	T
R	K	R	A	C	E	N	E	S	E
A	C	A	I	R	I	G	H	T	S
G	I	E	T	S	T	S	O	F	T
E	P	Y	I	G	E	V	I	G	E
H	T	R	A	T	I	F	I	E	D

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Cause and Effect

Draw a line down the center of a piece of paper. Label left side CAUSE. Label right side EFFECT. Read a newspaper article and find the **cause** (an event that makes something happen) and the **effect** (what the cause made happen).

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Know the difference between cause and effect.

Where do polar bears vote?

At the North poll.

ANSWER:

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