



Maggie's Civics Corner

Lesson 8

Maggie Says...

In these difficult times, as our nation and the world pull together, it is more important than ever to understand our role as a citizen.

Today's lesson is about Equal Rights: As a female dog, I am particularly interested in making sure that all dogs are treated equally, both males and females. I know this is a human concern as well.

Sticky Situation: One of my favorite times of the school day is recess time. I love to sit and watch the children play. I do like join in and play ball. I particularly like tennis balls! Sometimes, however, I see things that upset me. Let me tell you about one of those times.

It was recess at the school near my house. A group of kids were getting ready to choose teams for a softball game that they were going to play. One of the boys I had not seen before was chosen to be the captain of his team. As the group got ready, the boy who was chosen to be captain of his team declared that his team would have NO GIRLS on it. I think I know what I would have done. What would you do and why?

Activity: Make a list of all the characteristics of a leader. Then consider the following: Starting with George Washington, forty-four men have been sworn in as President of the United States. There has never been a woman President. Do you think it makes a difference if the President is a man or a woman? Thinking of your list of characteristics of a leader, be prepared to support your answer.

Civic Resources: Check out the article by scholar - Doris Kearns Goodwin on Presidential Leadership. You might have to have your parents read it with you, but it is a good article that you can discuss together. The article can be found at: <https://www.history.com/topics/doris-kearns-goodwin-on-presidential-leadership>

Bonus Activity: With your parent's permission, take a tennis ball and see if you can turn it into the face of your favorite leader. Draw on eyes, put on cotton to be a wig and you would have George Washington?