

## Maggie's Civics Corner

### Lesson #12 - Equal Rights (Women's Rights)



#### 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 FOR WOMEN.** 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 to 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 during recess at the school near my house. A group of kids was 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 good leader. Then consider the following: Starting with George Washington, 45 unique men have been sworn in as President of the United States, including President Biden. To date, U.S. voters have not elected a woman to serve as President.

Now, think back to that list of characteristics of a good leader that you developed earlier. Do you think it makes a difference if the president is a man or a woman? Be prepared to support your answer.

**Civics Resources:** Check out this article about **Presidential Leadership** by the renowned presidential scholar – Doris Kearns Goodwin – in which she addresses the traits a president needs.

[Doris Kearns Goodwin – 6 Essential Traits a President Needs](#)

You might want to have your parents read it with you, so you can discuss it together when you are finished.

**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!