

Guided Reading Level J

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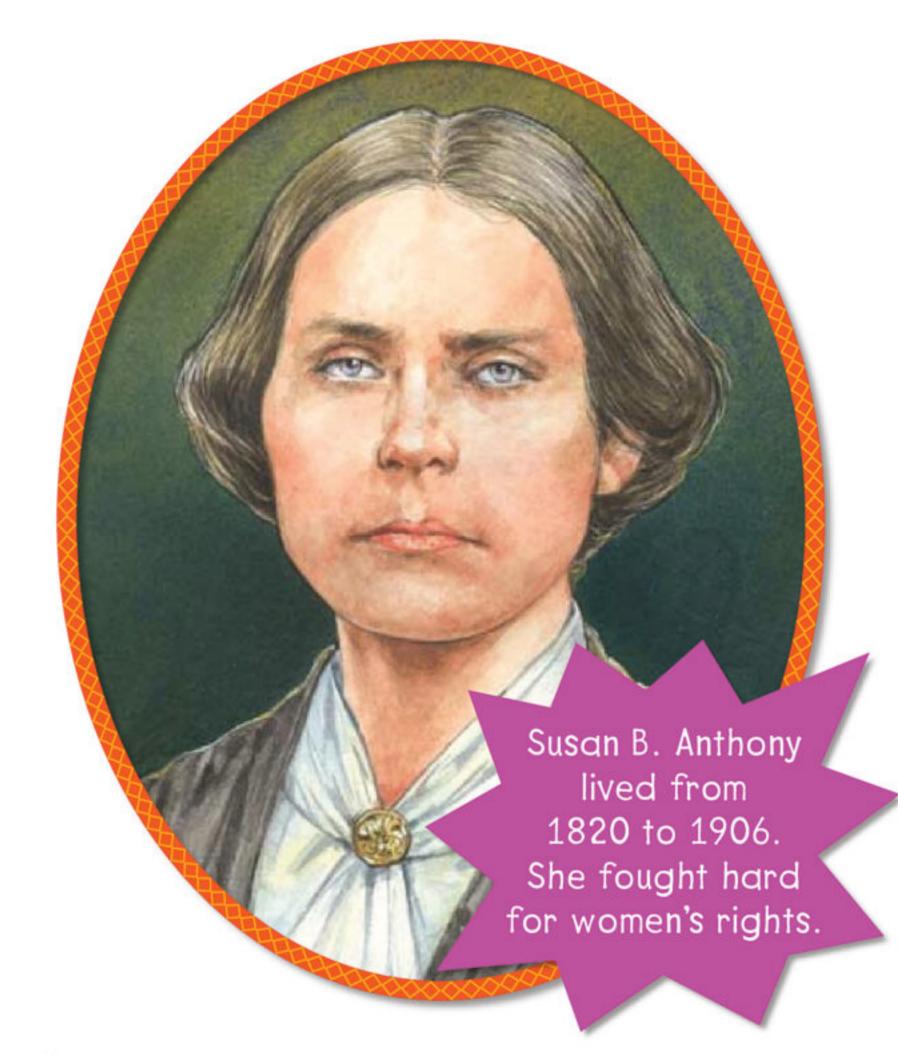
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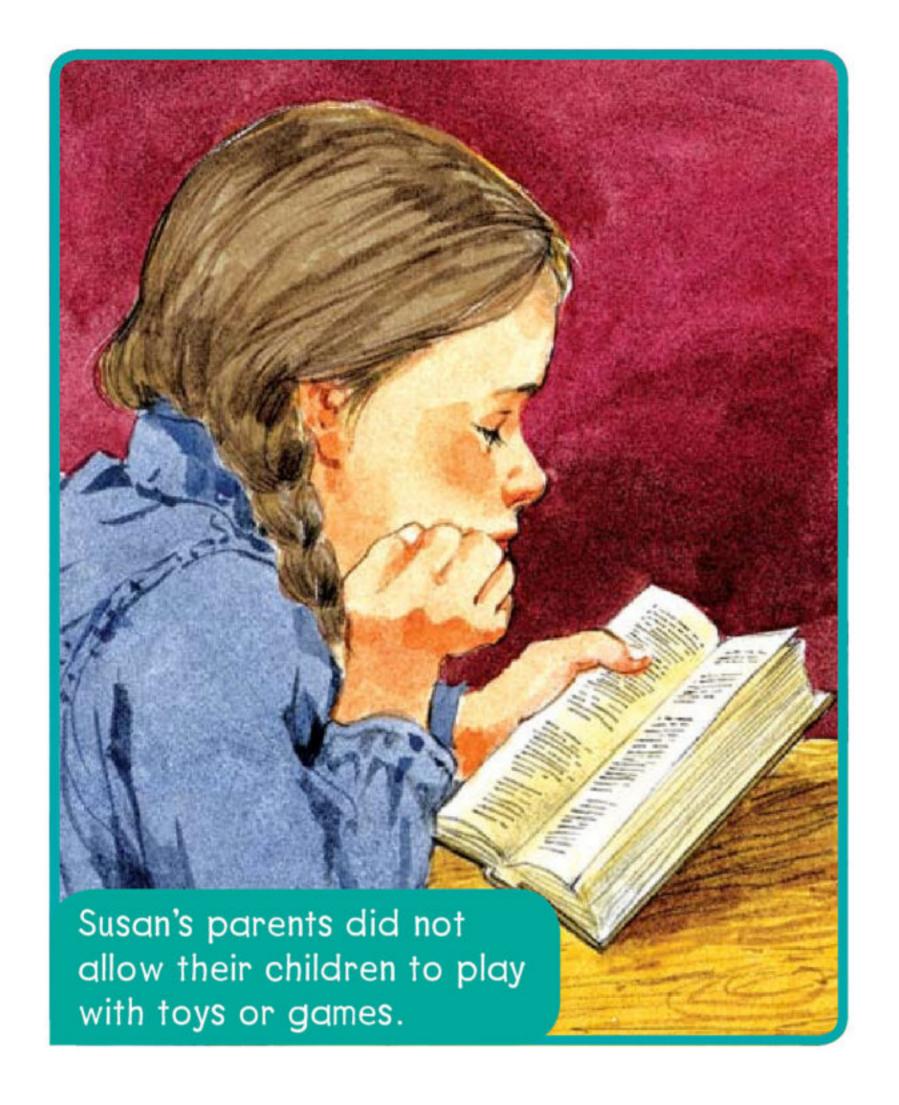
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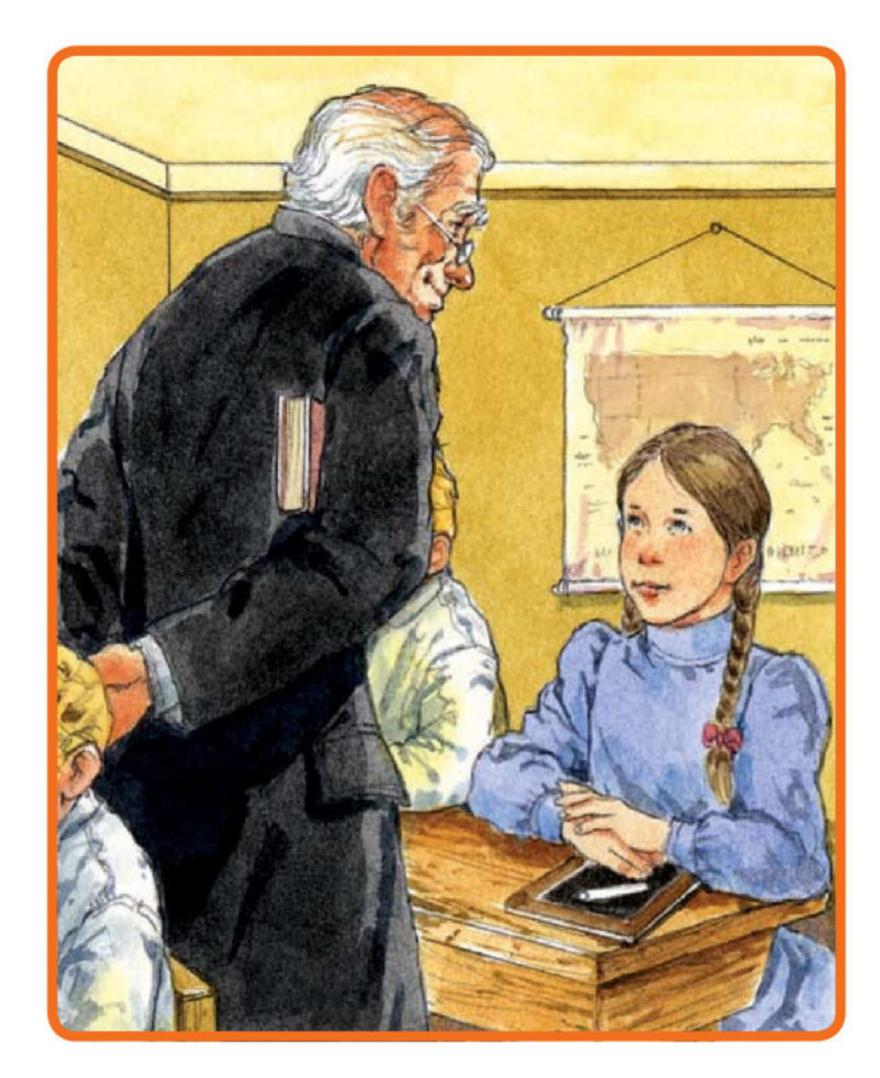


Susan B. Anthony believed that men and women were **equal**. But she lived at a time when women did not have the same **rights** as men. This is the story of her fight for equality.





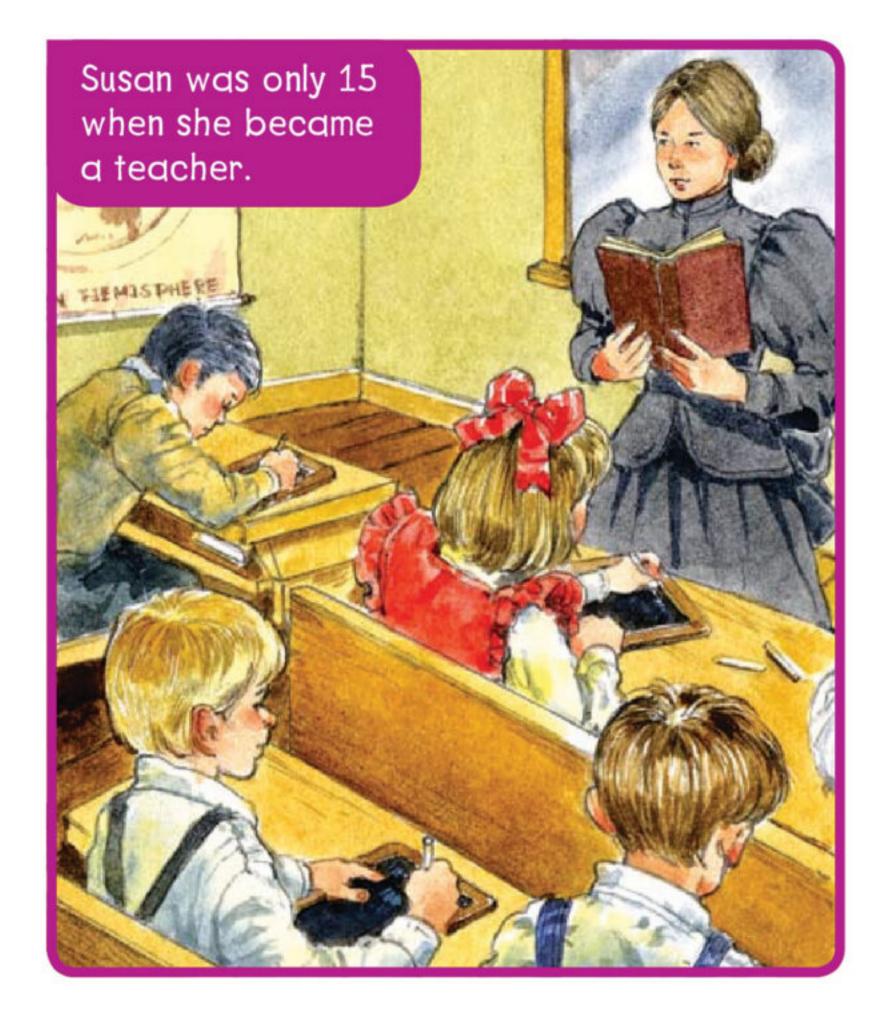
Susan was born in 1820 in Massachusetts. When she was young, she loved to read books. In fact, she learned to read when she was only three years old!



When Susan was growing up, most girls did not go to school. But Susan did. Her parents believed that girls should go to school, just as boys did.







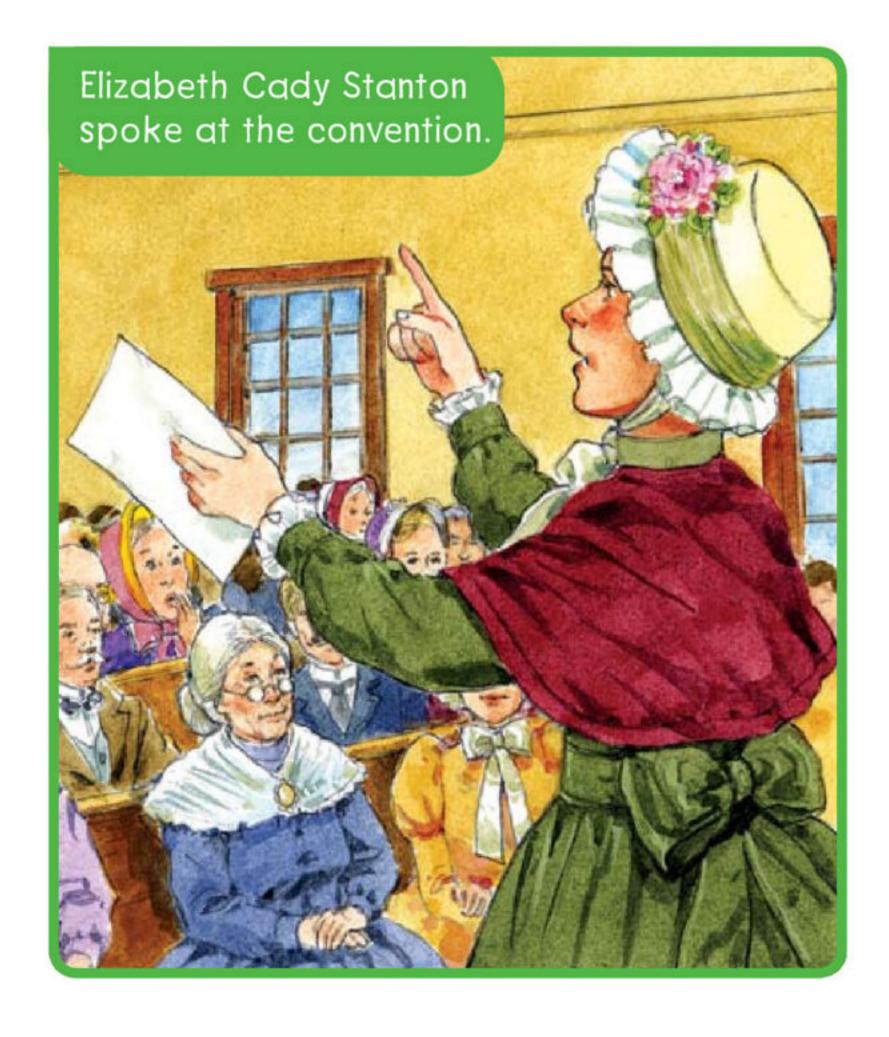
As a young woman, Susan worked as a teacher. She was paid much less than male teachers were paid. Susan did not think that was fair. But back then many things were unfair for women.

These were some of the ways life was unfair for women in those days:

- * Women could not vote.
- * Women were paid less than men.
- * Women could not own property.
- * Women had to give their money to their husbands.
- * Few women went to college.
- * Few jobs were open to women.







In 1848, a group of people got together to talk about women's rights. The meeting was called the Woman's Rights **Convention**. One of the leaders there was named Elizabeth Cady Stanton.



Susan met Elizabeth in 1851. Elizabeth was **passionate** about women's rights. So was Susan. The two became friends. And they decided to work together for equality.



