

DEMOCRACY

**In civics class at school,
students learn about
rights and obligations of
citizens.**

**Often they see how the
ideals of democracy do
not light up reality.**

IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America.

When in the course of human events it has become necessary for one people to
and women
We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal,



PAUL STRICK

1776—RETOUCHING AN OLD MASTERPIECE—1915

“Anxious to Vote: Students, Workers & the Fight For Women’s Suffrage” • Stonehurst • Waltham Public Schools • Mass Humanities

**“ALL MEN ARE CREATED
EQUAL” is a concept central to
American democracy.**

The great-great-grandfather of Ethel Paine of Waltham was a signer of the Declaration of Independence. She supported equal rights for women, workers and African Americans.

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**Brave suffragists were the
first to protest in front of
the White House.**

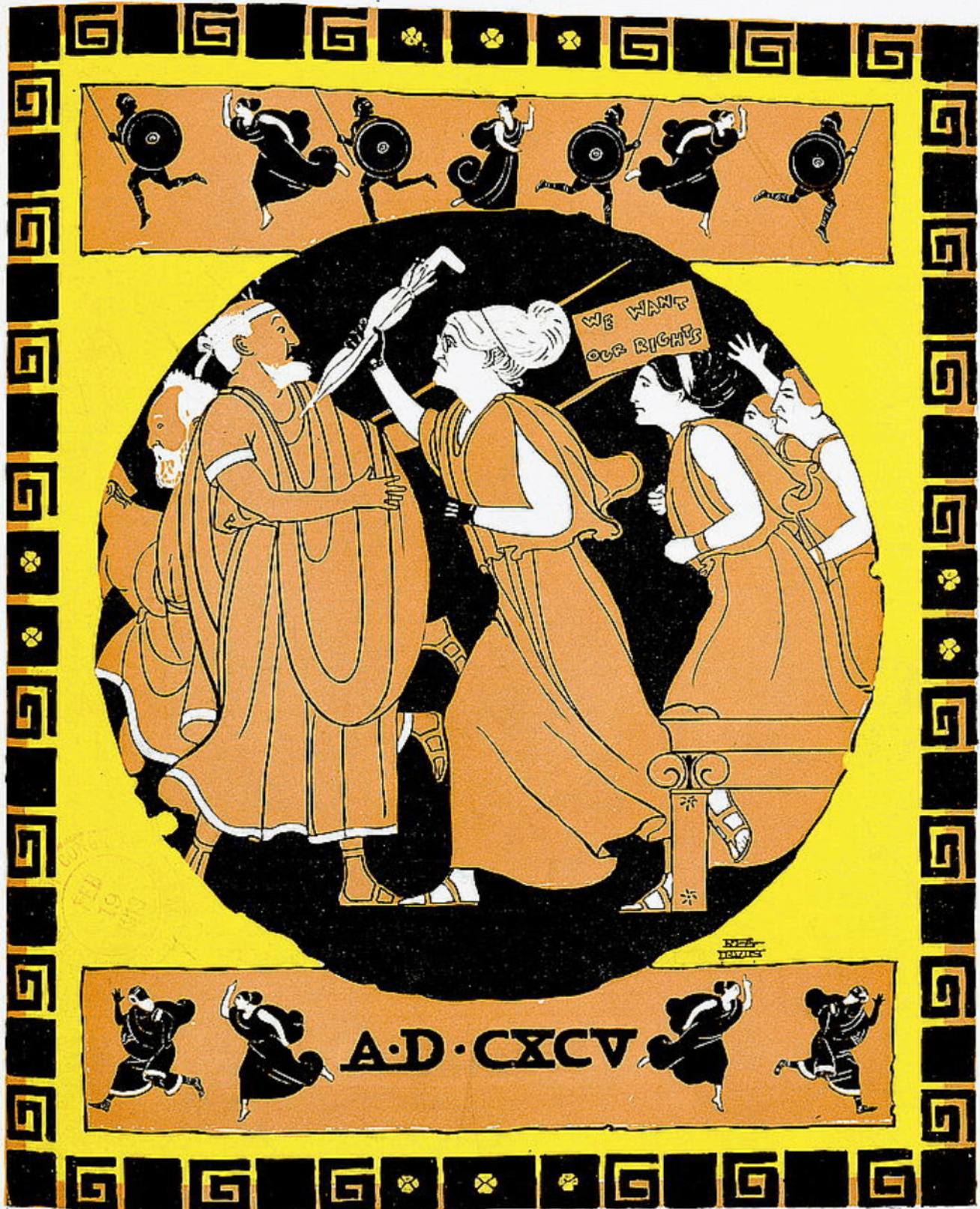
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ANCIENT HISTORY

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**In Ancient History class
with Ms. Josephine Hall,
students learn about the
long history of democracy.**

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WOMAN TO THE RESCUE!

**African-American women
have an especially difficult
battle.**

Waltham's Emma Jennings, a formerly enslaved woman who worked for a family of suffragists, left no record of her own thoughts on voting rights.

The Crisis, May 1916

Woman's Journal

And Suffrage News

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PEACE DELEGATES WANT SUFFRAGE

Emergency Meeting at Chicago
Forms National Federation and
Draws Up Platform

The Emergency Peace Federation, which recently met for a two-day session in Chicago, has been formed into a National Peace Federation. At this conference were present representatives of the various peace organizations of the country. Among the planks of the platform adopted is one declaring for "universal adult suffrage."

The resolutions, which are given in another column, were drawn up by a committee composed of Professor Manley O. Hudson, Miss Jane Addams, Louis P. Lochner, C. D. Thorpison of Chicago, John A. Ayward of Madison, G. W. Nasrith and Mrs. Lucia Ames Mead of Boston.

A delegation will call upon President Wilson March 13 and urge him to call a conference of neutral nations.

KANSAS PASSES THE BABY BILL

Measure Wanted by Women

THEY ALONE CANNOT VOTE



Imbeciles, children, women, criminals—these are the disfranchised.

Some women suffragists stooped to low levels to convince men in power that women are worthy of this basic right of U.S. citizenship.

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*Women’s Journal, March 13, 1915.
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WOMAN SUFFRAGISTS MEET IN THE CRADLE OF LIBERTY.



EQUAL SUFFRAGE SPEAKERS HEARD IN FANEUIL HALL.

Young working women and college women found common ground at this important mass meeting organized by teacher Ida Hall.

"A mass meeting 140 years ago had founded a great nation but had left great inequalities."

—Ida Hall

Boston Herald, April 17, 1901.