

How Women Won the Vote: Alice Paul, Lucy Burns, & Their Big Idea

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Book Description

Upper Elementary & Junior High
history & biography

After meeting for the first time in a London police station, Americans Alice Paul and Lucy Burns became good friends and allies who went on to organize a successful national suffrage march in 1913 as well as a campaign to picket the White House for the entire year of 1917. "How Women Won the Vote" tells the story of these two women through colorful illustrations, historic photos, and well-researched narrative. The back of the book includes a timeline of suffrage events in the United States as well as historical sources and notes.

Discussion Questions

- What strategies did Alice and Lucy use that you see activists using today?
- Do you agree or disagree with the strategies of Alice & Lucy?
- Which groups of people were left out of Alice & Lucy's strategies to achieve equal suffrage? What could they have done differently to include those people who were left out?
- Do you and your friends have any "big ideas" that could make a difference in your school or community?

Utah Connection

Edna Groshell, a Utah suffrage leader and former president of the Woman's Democratic Club of Salt Lake, led Utah's delegation in the 1913 suffrage parade. We don't know how many other Utahns made the journey to Washington, D.C. to join in.



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Utah suffragists Lavern Robertson and Minnie Quay were so committed to fighting for the national suffrage amendment that

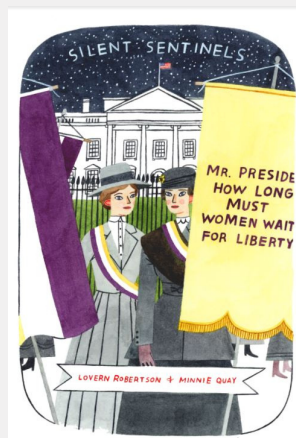


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they joined the protests by the National Woman's Party and participated in picketing the White House in 1917, ultimately becoming victims of the infamous "Night of Terror."