

## The United States vs. Susan B. Anthony (page 453)

### Active Reading SkillBuilder

#### Specialized Vocabulary

Many professions use **specialized vocabulary**, or terms that have specific meaning for people in that profession. This biography contains many legal terms that may be unfamiliar to you. The chart below defines two of the most important ones. As you read this biography, add to the chart the legal terms and definitions in the footnotes. Especially note terms that relate to citizen's rights.

Legal Term	Definition
draw up a <i>bill of indictment</i>	write a description of the crime a person is accused of committing
convene a <i>grand jury</i>	gather a private session of 12 to 23 people who decide if there is enough evidence to issue an indictment, or formally charge a person with a crime

**The United States vs. Susan B. Anthony (page 453)****Literary Analysis SkillBuilder****Biography**

A **biography** is the true story of a person's life written by someone else. Biographers often focus on remarkable or admirable aspects of their subjects. Although they often present their subject in a favorable way, biographers also strive for a balance between fact and interpretation. Evaluate how objective Truman's portrayal of Susan B. Anthony is. On the chart below list objective statements of fact and subjective statements of opinion from the selection. Then use the chart to decide whether fact or opinion is more dominant.

Statements of Fact	Statements of Opinion

Which is more dominant, fact or opinion? Explain why you think so.

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**The United States vs. Susan B. Anthony (page 453)****Words to Know SkillBuilder****Words to Know**adamant  
blatantcompetent  
concurdenunciation  
fortitudeinadvertently  
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**A.** Circle the word in each group that is the opposite or almost the opposite in meaning of the boldface word.

1. **competent**      slow              unfit              doubtful              strange
2. **retrospect**      summary              revision              condition              forecast
3. **adamant**              yielding              wicked              useful              possible
4. **denunciation**      assistance              interference              approval              understanding
5. **fortitude**              laziness              weakness              illness              uncertainty
6. **inadvertently**      purposefully              immediately              rapidly              occasionally
7. **concur**              prevent              reject              destroy              disagree

**B.** Fill in the two blanks in each sentence with the correct words from the word list.

If you agree with someone without really meaning to, you would \_\_\_\_\_ (1)

\_\_\_\_\_ (2)

If you speak angrily about your neighbors to their faces, and obviously have no intention of stopping, this could be called a \_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (4).

A witness's convincing speech, delivered in court, could be described as \_\_\_\_\_ (5)

\_\_\_\_\_ (6)

If you condemn someone publicly and refuse to give in, this could be called an

\_\_\_\_\_ (7)

\_\_\_\_\_ (8)

**C.** Write a brief character sketch of Susan B. Anthony, using at least **four** Words to Know.

**The United States vs. Susan B. Anthony (page 453)****Selection Quiz**

Recall the events in Truman's biography of Susan B. Anthony. Then answer the questions in phrases or sentences.

1. Why is Anthony arrested?

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2. Why is the judge at her trial eager for her to lose the case?

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3. What reason does the judge give for refusing to allow Anthony's lawyer to call her to the witness stand?

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4. What does Anthony mean when she says that she has a right to a trial by her peers, or equals, and that the men who are trying her are not her peers?

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5. What is the outcome of Anthony's trial?

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### Selection Test

**A.** Think about how the author presents a combination of factual details and subjective opinions in her descriptions of Susan B. Anthony and the events Anthony was involved in: For each event listed below, write an example of a factual detail and a subjective opinion from the selection that describes the event or the people involved. (10 points each)

Event	Factual Detail	Subjective Opinion
1. Susan B. Anthony registers to vote.		
2. Anthony is arrested.		
3. Anthony stands trial.		

**B.** Write the letter of the best answer. This exercise is continued on the next page. (4 points each)

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. The writer of this biography makes it more likely that we will think she is objective about Susan B. Anthony by
- admitting she didn't like Anthony at first.
  - giving the viewpoint of the court.
  - giving arguments against Anthony's actions.
  - stressing how much research she has done.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. The writer changed her mind about Anthony because she detected in her
- weakness.
  - cowardice.
  - a loss of faith.
  - a sense of humor.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. The editorial calling for people to register to vote neglects to mention the
- days of registration.
  - place of registration.
  - consequences of failing to register.
  - gender of the people who should register.



- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. In Anthony's struggle for the rights of women, the court case concerning her voting could be **most** accurately considered
- her first step.
  - her most difficult step.
  - just one action in a long process.
  - one last, desperate attempt to win.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. The court case has value for the suffrage movement for all of the following reasons **except** that
- the case results in a Supreme Court victory.
  - Anthony's speech receives a great deal of publicity.
  - her lawyer's speech receives a great deal of publicity.
  - the judge's conduct is seen as an example of injustice.

**C. Words to Know.** Write the letter of the best answer. (4 points each)

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. If you hurt someone inadvertently, you do it
- in anger.
  - severely.
  - by accident.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. One way to concur is to
- argue.
  - run away.
  - nod your head.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Fortitude would be **most** useful
- in a war.
  - at a party.
  - watching television.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. You might give a tirade about your
- pet peeve.
  - dreams.
  - favorite color.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Someone who is adamant is
- overwhelmed.
  - mistaken.
  - stubborn.

**D. Answer one** of the following questions based on your understanding of the selection. Write your answer on a separate sheet of paper. (15 points)

1. What qualities of Susan B. Anthony are revealed in this biographical selection? Support your answer with details from the selection.
2. Based on this selection, do you think Anthony's decision to vote in this situation was the right one? Support your opinion with details from the selection and your own ideas.

**E. Linking Literature to Life.** Answer the following question based on your own experience and knowledge. Write your answer on a separate sheet of paper. (15 points)

Would you vote for a woman to be president of the United States if you believed she was as well qualified as a male candidate? Why or why not?