WIBIO Belle

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4 Meet Belle Case.

5 No!

 Nope.

6 Unh-uh,

 it's not 1920 yet.

7 Women can't vote.

8 Belle was born

 in 1859.

9 Back then, most kids didn't go

 to school past the age of 12.

10 And the girls would go

 back to the family farm

11 to learn to cook, clean,

 and sew.

12 Lucky for Belle

13 her family believed

 that education was important.

14 Belle was such a great student

 that at the age of 16

15 she was able

 to go to college!

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17 Belle was a top student

 in college, too.

18 She paid attention

 and she learned a lot.

19 But she wasn't afraid

 to form her own opinions.

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21 Belle wasn't the only one

 paying attention.

22 Bob was funny.

 Belle was serious.

23 Belle could write.

 Bob could speak.

24 Bob loved the spotlight.

25 Belle preferred

 to work backstage.

26 But they believed

 in the same things.

27 After graduation, Belle

 married Bob La Follette in 1881.

28 Bob called Belle the "brainiest

 member of the family."

29 He began his career

 as a lawyer

30 and soon, Belle decided

 to get her own law degree.

31 Together, they started

 La Follette's Magazine.

32 Belle wrote about

 women's rights

33 exercise,

 and women's clothing.

34 Belle dressed

 how she wanted

35 and encouraged other women

 to do the same.

36 When Bob decided

 to run for office

37 Belle became

 his campaign manager.

38 Bob won

 a lot of elections.

39 first as

 a United States Congressman

40 then Governor of Wisconsin

41 and finally,

 a United States Senator.

42 Belle helped Bob get elected,

 but couldn't even vote for him.

43 The fact that women couldn't

 vote really bothered Belle.

44 Now it was her turn

 to give the speeches.

45 She hit the road

 for women's rights!

46 *As President Lincoln*

 *once said*

47 *"This Nation shall have*

 *a new birth of freedom*

48 *and government*

 *of the people*

49 *by the people,*

 *for the people*

50 *shall not perish*

 *from the Earth."*

51 *Are not women*

 *people?*

52 [cheers]

53 Well said, Belle,

 very progressive!

54 Finally, in 1920,

 women won the right to vote!

55 The 19th Amendment to the

 U.S. Constitution was ratified!

56 But there was even more

 left to do.

57 Belle spent

 the rest of her life

58 working

 for a world of peace.

59 She believed

 that women would vote

60 to create a more peaceful world

 for everyone.

61 Belle

 dedicated her life

62 to changing the world

 for the better

63 world peace,

 the right to vote

64 equal rights, and...

 pants.

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