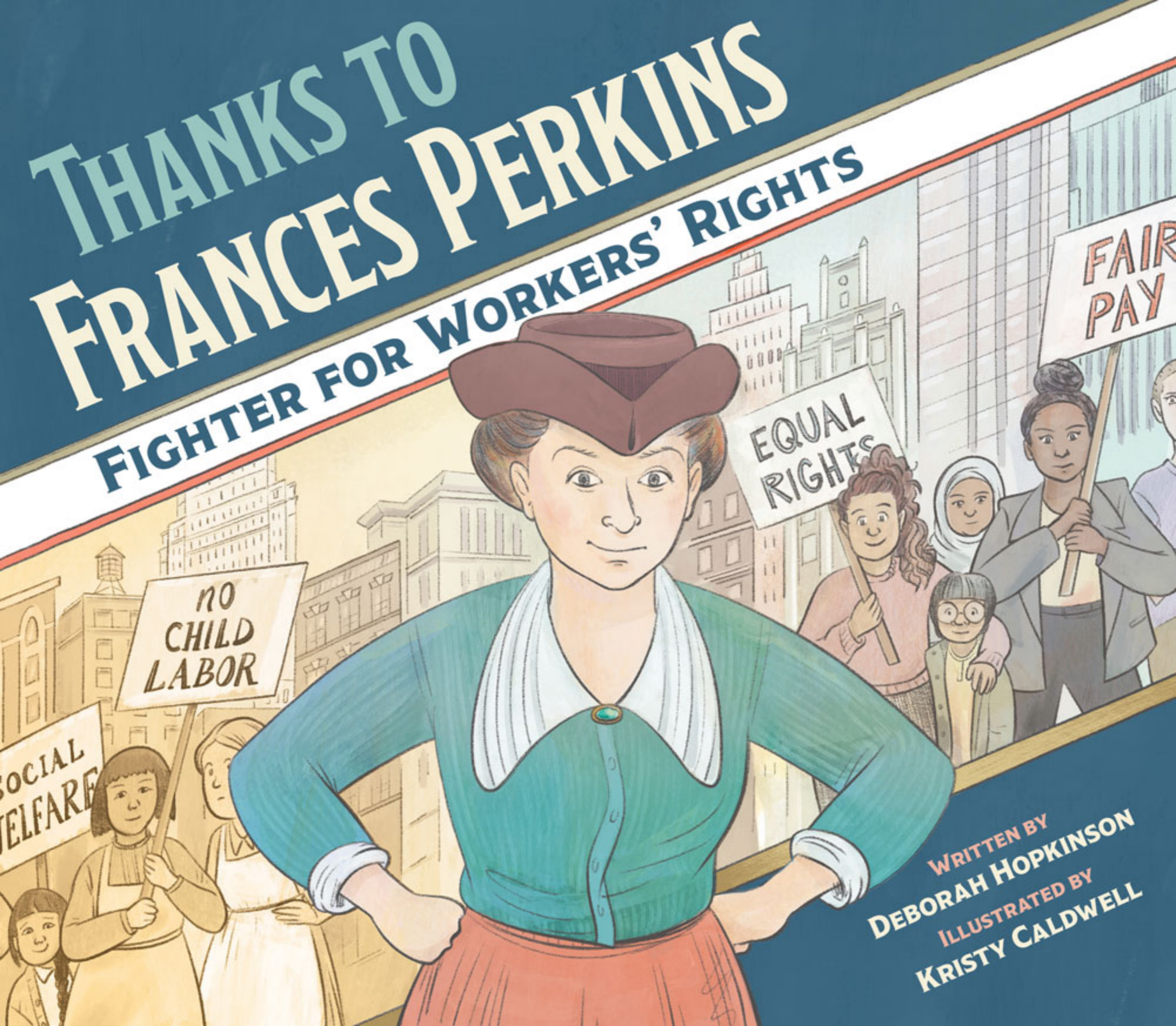


# THANKS TO FRANCES PERKINS

FIGHTER FOR WORKERS' RIGHTS



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Let's start with two math questions, especially for you younger readers.

1. How many years will it be until you turn sixty-two?
2. What year will that be?

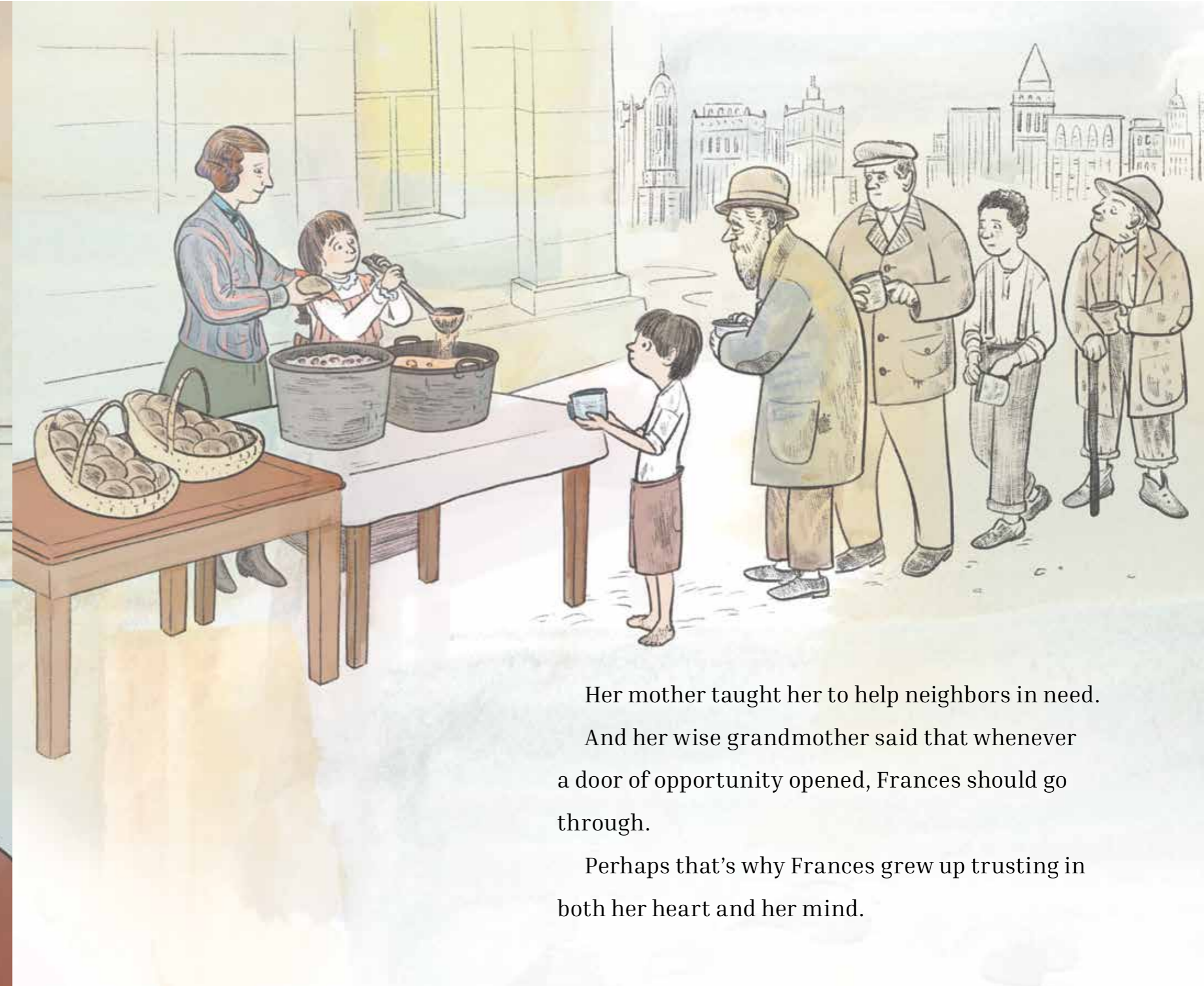
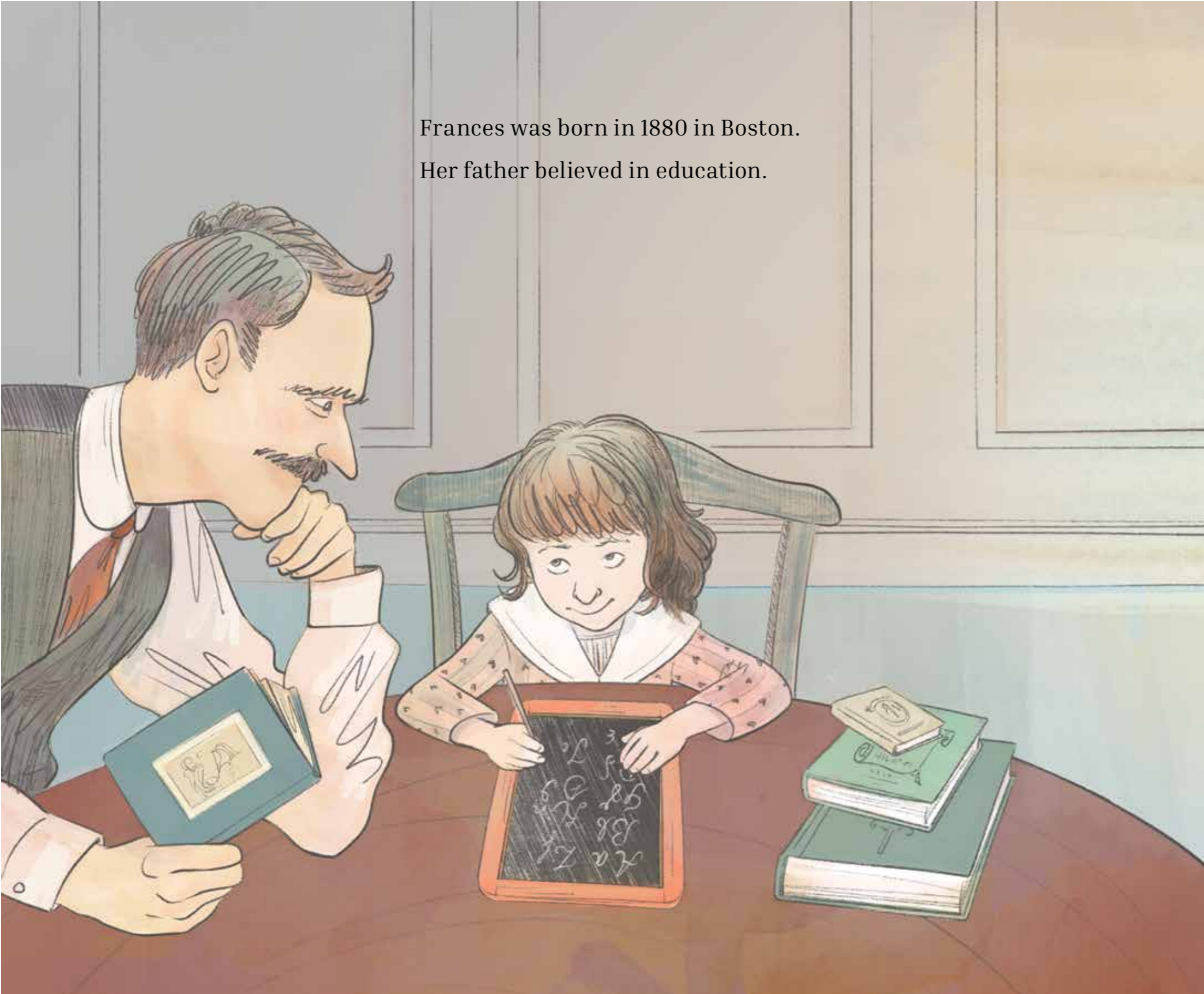
Now, hold onto your answers until the end, when you'll find out why this is important.

And why (when you get there) you'll want to thank Frances Perkins.





Frances was born in 1880 in Boston.  
Her father believed in education.



Her mother taught her to help neighbors in need.  
And her wise grandmother said that whenever  
a door of opportunity opened, Frances should go  
through.

Perhaps that's why Frances grew up trusting in  
both her heart and her mind.



At a time when few women went to college, Frances earned a master's degree.

She went to work in New York City where immigrant families lived in crowded, ramshackle tenements.

Men, women, and even children toiled day after day, from dawn to dark, in dirty, unsafe factories called sweatshops.

Bosses and factory owners held all the power. Workers had few rights or benefits.

