

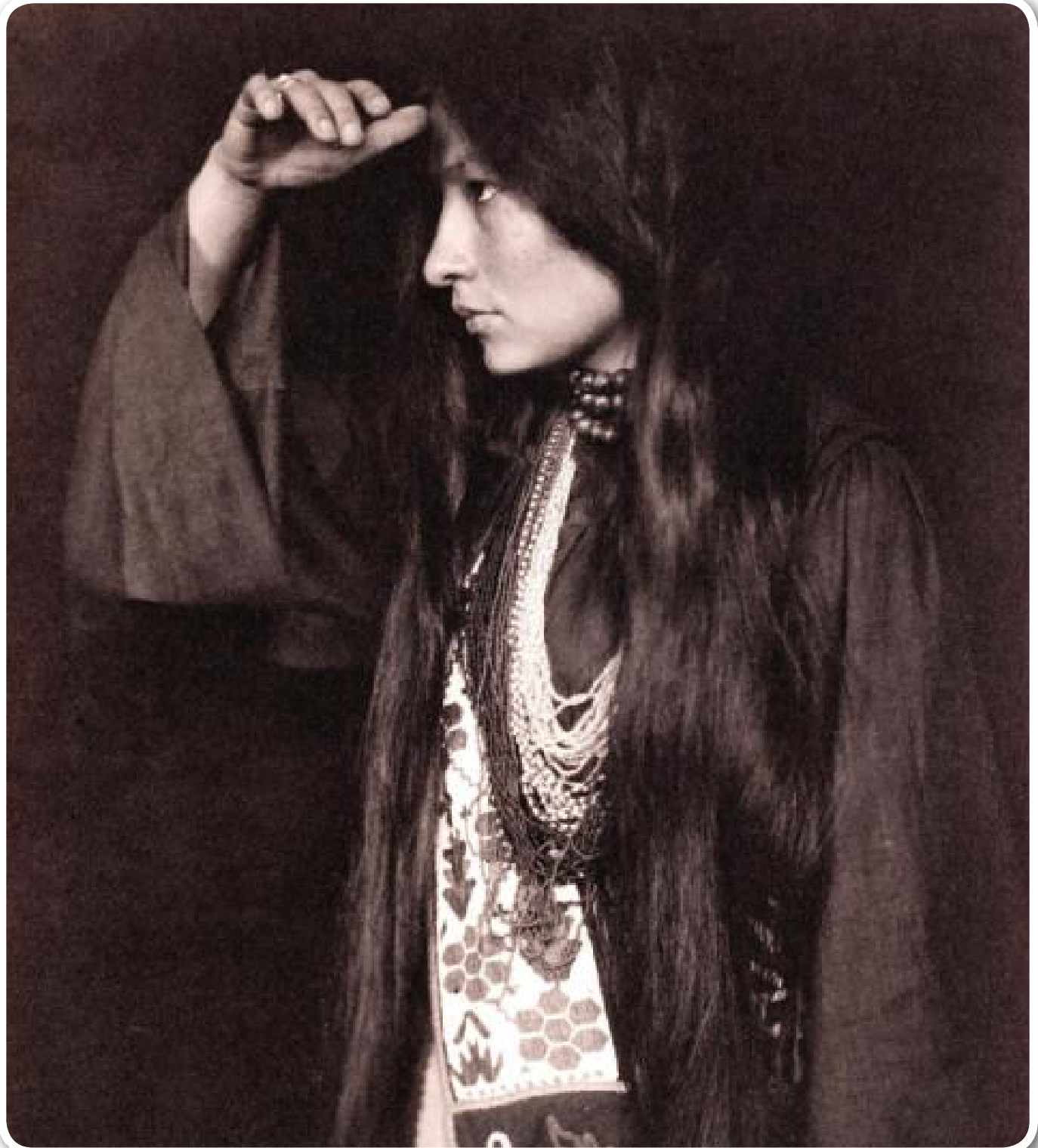
Powerful People

Rules are supposed to keep things fair. But sometimes, the rules are unfair. When that happens, good people speak up.



Abigail Adams is an example of someone who spoke up. Abigail was married to John Adams. He was the second president of the United States. At that time, women had fewer rights than men. Abigail said that the enslavement of people was wrong. And she argued that women should be able to get an education, just like men.

Another person who spoke up against unfair rules was Zitkala-Ša. Zitkala-Ša was Native American. She lived in the early 1900s. She saw that the U.S. government was not giving enough respect to Native American peoples or their cultures.



Zitkala-Ša wrote stories about protecting and saving Native American cultures. Then she created a group to fight for Native American rights. Her work improved the lives of Native Americans. She showed great courage.





Another American person who showed courage was Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. When he was growing up, unfair laws said that Black Americans were not allowed to go to the same public places as white Americans. Black students had to attend separate schools.

Dr. King fought for equal rights for Black Americans. He and many other Americans worked to change the unfair laws.

Dr. King's work helped get the laws changed. After that, it was illegal for the government to treat people unfairly because of their race. Today, people continue to work to make sure that all Americans are treated fairly.