

## Summary: Tennessee Heroes

### Heroes Shape Regions

Many people from Tennessee have had an influence on places in the state and around the world. Cordell Hull from Picket County helped plan a world peace group called the United Nations. The group works together to prevent war and to solve problems. Hull won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1945 for his work.

Nancy Ward from Chota was a member of the Cherokee Nation. She became the leader of its Women's Council and a member of the Council of Chiefs. She called for peace between the Cherokee and the settlers and met with both sides to talk about treaties.

Austin Peay from Clarksville was a Tennessee governor in the 1920s. He helped improve roads, schools, and health care in the state.

### Working for Rights

Brave people from Tennessee have done important work for other Americans. Sue Shelton White from Henderson was a suffragist. In the early 1900s, she worked for women's right to vote. James Napier from Nashville worked for the rights of African Americans. He helped to provide them with job opportunities. In the late 1880s, Ida B. Wells wrote newspaper articles and spoke out about the unfair treatment of African Americans.

Heroes in Tennessee have helped change their region, state, and nation. They have worked to help others get fair and equal treatment.



### Before You Read

Find and underline each vocabulary word.

**treaty** *noun*, an agreement made between groups or nations

**suffragist** *noun*, a person who works for people's right to vote



### After You Read

**REVIEW** How did Cordell Hull, Nancy Ward, and Austin Peay affect the regions in which they lived?

Highlight the sentence that tells what Hull did. Circle the sentence that tells what Ward did. Draw a box around the sentence that tells what Peay did.

**REVIEW** How did White, Napier, and Wells work to protect the rights of others? Highlight the sentence that tells what White did. Circle the sentences that tell what Napier did. Draw a box around the sentence that tells what Wells did.