

Women's History Reading Comprehension



Who is Susan B. Anthony?

Susan B. Anthony was a women's rights leader in the late 1800's. She helped lead the way to voting rights for women.

Susan Brownell Anthony was born in 1820 to Quaker parents. She grew up in New York State. Unlike most girls at that time, she got a very good education.

She became active in the Abolitionist movement, taking a very strong stand against slavery.

Anthony soon devoted all of her time to the rights of women. It bothered her a lot that women could not vote and that women earned only a fraction of what a man would earn doing the same job.

Susan B. Anthony became very involved in trying to get the government to change its laws. She often spoke at meetings to spread the equality message. With the help of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, she ran a newspaper called *The Revolution*. In 1869 the two of them started the National Women's Suffrage (right to vote) Association to further the cause.

Even though it was illegal, Susan B. Anthony voted in the 1872 presidential election. She was arrested and fined \$100 - a lot of money at that time.

Susan B. Anthony spent the rest of her life working to get women the right to vote. Unfortunately she didn't live to see that day. Anthony died in 1906, 14 years before the Constitution was changed, in 1920, to say that everyone had the right to vote, regardless of gender.

Questions for "Who is Susan B. Anthony?"

1. Where did Susan B. Anthony grow up?
Georgia New York Illinois
2. When did American women get the right to vote?
1878 1906 1920
3. What does the B stand for in Susan B. Anthony?
Barbara Brown Brownell
4. Susan B. Anthony died before women got the vote.
True False It doesn't say in the story.
5. Why was Susan B. Anthony arrested?
She voted. She caused a riot. She stole a newspaper.
6. What does "suffrage" mean?
female It's a type of dress with bloomers. the right to vote
7. Most girls in the United States in the 1800's got a good education.
True False It doesn't say in the story.
8. What was Susan B. Anthony's main goal?
the right for women to vote free education free speech
9. What was the name of the newspaper started by Anthony and Stanton?
Women's Times
Suffrage from Women
The Revolution
10. Who worked with Susan B. Anthony to start the National Women's Suffrage Association?
Harriet Beecher Stowe
Elizabeth Cady Stanton
Harriet Tubman