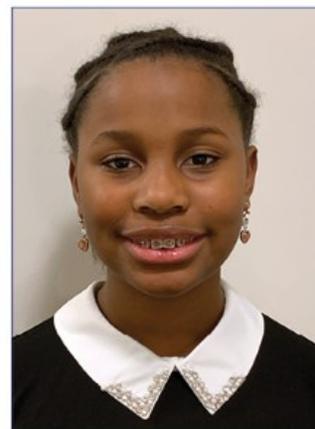


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Today women can do so many different things like go to school or get a real job or even vote, but back then women were so domesticated and were not even allowed to vote. Thanks to women back then and women today, we are now allowed to vote and stand for our rights and beliefs. This all wouldn't have happened if it weren't for women suffragists who fought for our rights and had given up their time to help women be able to vote and do anything a man can do.

Susan B. Anthony — February 15, 1820-March 13, 1906 — was a women's rights activist. Susan B. Anthony was a leader in the women's suffrage movement. In 1872 she was arrested for voting in Rochester, New York. She argued in court that she had a right to vote because of the recently-adopted 14th Amendment in the United States. In the Amendment she states that, “No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States.” Susan B. Anthony protested in court what she called, “this high-handed outrage upon my citizen's rights.” She also protested the injustice of denying women the right to vote. She was released by President Ulysses S. Grant. It took the National Women's Rights Association far more difficult strategies of campaigning that would ensure voting rights for women. That struggle lasted for 45 years until the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified.

It's because of women like Susan B. Anthony that other women are able to grow up in the future and go to school, drive cars, get real jobs, do sports, vote, be who we want to be, and express our religious beliefs and rights that us women should stand for in this world.