

# Susan B. Anthony



Susan Brownell Anthony was born February 15, 1820, in Adams, Massachusetts. Her parents were Quakers and raised Susan under the principle that men and women are equal. Beyond her Quaker home, however, the world had a different idea. Susan was allowed to go to school, but even there boys were allowed to do things that girls were not. This made Susan angry, and she did them anyway.

There was so much unfairness and inequality that Susan determined to do something to change the way the world worked. She devoted her life to fighting the injustice of women's inequality. She started in the schools by becoming a teacher. She taught all her students about these inequities.

Later, Susan became interested in banning alcohol, thinking that many people who drank alcohol became abusive and intolerant under its influence. Frustrated that because she was a woman she was not allowed to publicly speak out about such things, she began her organization, the Women's State Temperance Society of New York. During this time, she met Elizabeth Cady Stanton, another woman who shared her beliefs.

That women were not allowed to vote infuriated many women. In 1869, Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton formed the National Woman Suffrage Association. Their goal was to get a 19<sup>th</sup> amendment added to the Constitution of the United States. This amendment would give all women of the United States the right to vote.

Susan felt so strongly about her right to vote that she voted in the 1872 presidential election even though it was illegal for her to do so. Susan actively fought for women's rights for more than 50 years. She gave impassioned speeches, wrote persuasive books and articles, and courageously led women's rights organizations.

Susan B. Anthony died in 1906, never seeing one of her fondest dreams realized. It was not until 1920 that the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment was added to the Constitution and women were allowed to vote.



## 19th Amendment

The right of the citizens of the United States to vote. Shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.

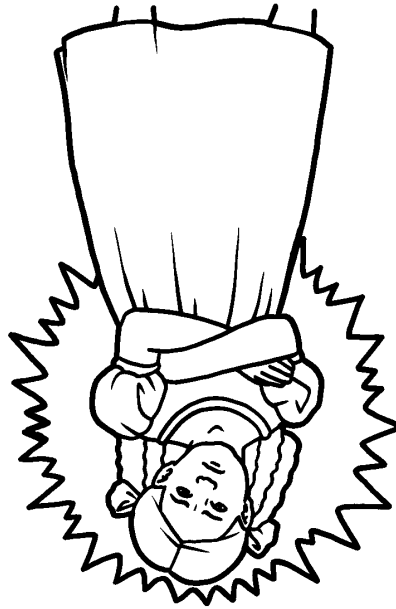
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## Map Study

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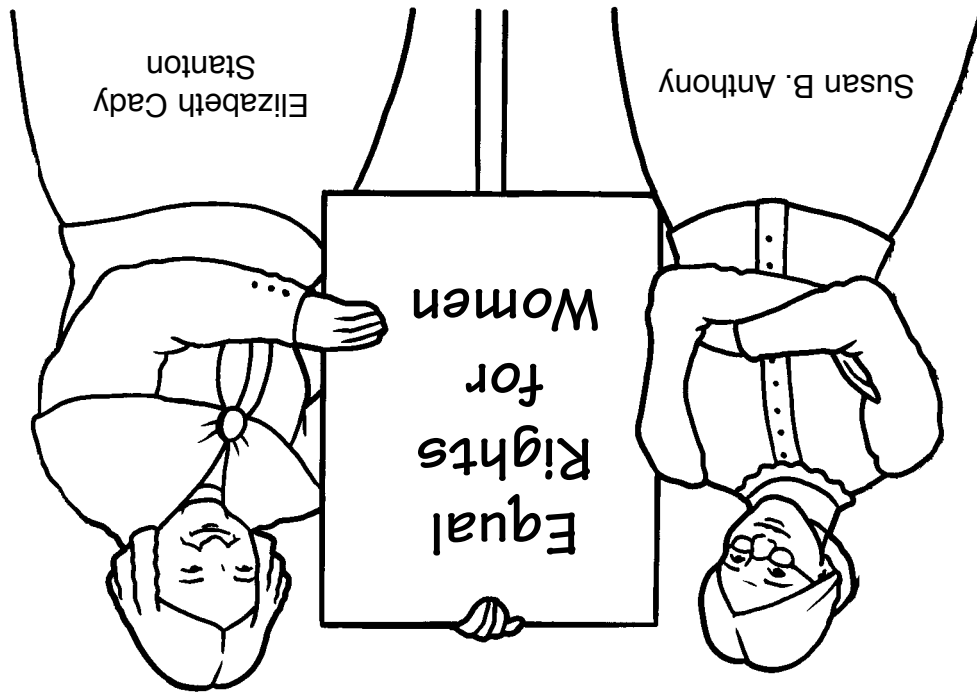
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with men.

Susan believed that women should share equal rights



When she became an adult, she taught school where she passed her ideas on to her students.

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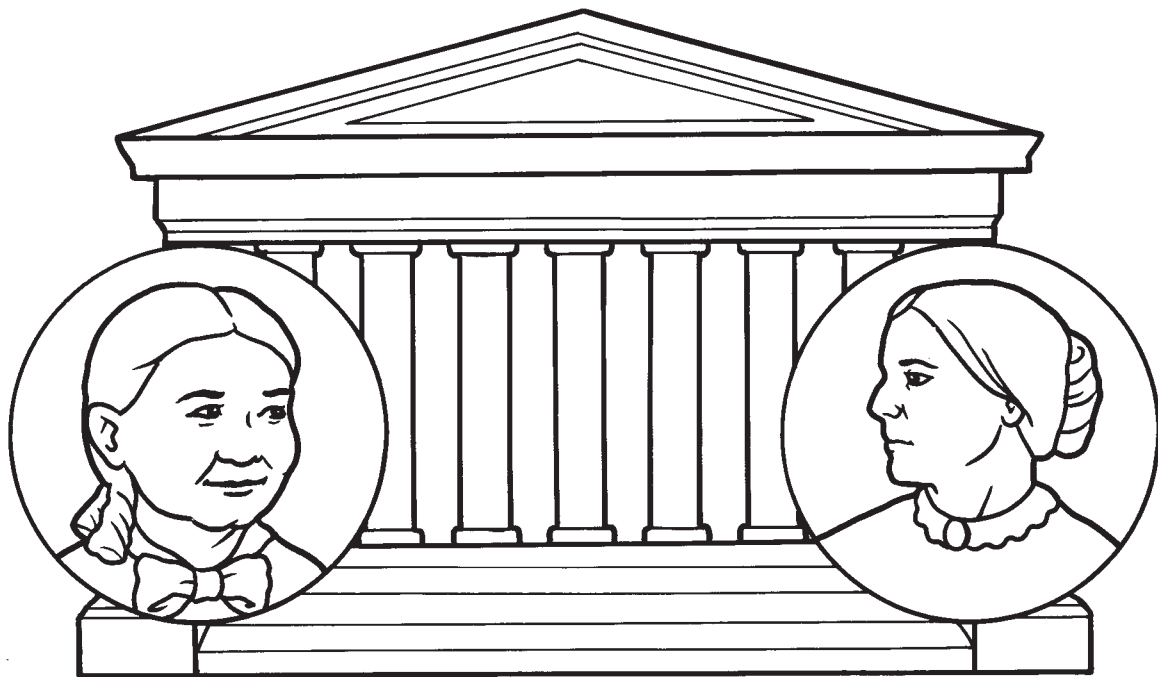
Susan B. Anthony fought to have laws changed to allow women the right to vote.



She was a suffragette.

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Susan B. Anthony died before women gained the right to vote in 1920.



Susan B. Anthony and Carrie Burnham argued in court that women should have the right to vote.

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She is honored on the 1979-81 and 1999 U.S. dollar coins. 8