

Suffrage Amendment
Grades K-3
TN History for Kids Lesson 2

The Dollar Coin

In the late 1800s, many women (and some men) began arguing that women should be allowed to vote.

Perhaps the best known of these was Susan B. Anthony.

Anthony was born in 1820 in Massachusetts. She was raised to believe that everyone (men and women, black and white) should be treated equally. Several members of her family were active in the fight against slavery.



Elizabeth Cady Stanton (seated) and Susan B. Anthony

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In 1851, Anthony met Elizabeth Cady Stanton and became a leader in the

movement for women's rights. After the Civil War ended, Anthony and Stanton were angry because the Fifteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution didn't say anything about women. They set as their goal another amendment that would guarantee that women could vote.

In 1872, Anthony was arrested for voting. She was tried and fined \$100, but the event made her more famous and brought national attention to the women's suffrage cause.



The Susan B. Anthony coin

Susan B. Anthony died in 1906—14 years before the suffrage amendment became part of the Constitution.

Today she is considered one of the great heroes of the movement, which is why her face is on the dollar coin!

Questions:

1. Why were Anthony and Stanton upset about the Fifteenth Amendment?
2. Susan B. Anthony was arrested in 1872 for _____.
3. If someone hands you a Susan B. Anthony coin, how much money are they handing you?