



Heart on Fire: Susan B. Anthony Votes for President

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Book Description

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Unlike most books about Susan B. Anthony, this picture book focuses on Ms. Anthony voting in the 1872 presidential election when women did not have voting rights. She was arrested and jailed for this then illegal act, bringing attention to the women's suffrage movement.

Discussion Questions

- What was Anthony's heart on fire about? Does she get her wish?
- How would you have felt if you had been Anthony and had been arrested for voting? Would you have voted anyway, even knowing you'd go to jail?
- How did other people feel about Anthony speaking out for women's suffrage?
- Do you think it's ever justified for people to break laws in order to raise awareness of their cause?

Utah Connection

Two years before Susan B. Anthony illegally cast her vote, Utah and Wyoming women received voting rights and were able to legally cast their ballots. In 1871, Anthony passed through Utah, where she spoke in the Salt Lake Tabernacle and congratulated Utah on extending voting rights to women. She became friends with Utah suffragists, championing their voting rights. In turn, Utahns adored Anthony and supported her efforts to win national women's suffrage.



Susan B. Anthony had a cherished dress made from black silk presented to her on her 80th birthday by the Utah Silk Commission, a woman-owned industry. The dress is on display at the National Susan B. Anthony Museum and House in Rochester, New York.