



Elizabeth Leads the Way: Elizabeth Cady Stanton and the Right to Vote

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Book Description

Elementary | Biography

This biographical picture book details how Elizabeth Cady Stanton was ignited to have the radical idea that women should have equal rights to men, including voting rights. Folk-art style illustrations and an upbeat narrative provide energy to the telling of this historical figure's life and accomplishments. An author's note and sources are included as end matter.

Discussion Questions

- Why do you think a woman's right to vote was such a radical idea at this time?
- How might your life be different if Elizabeth had not pushed for women's suffrage like she did?
- Think of a time when someone told you that you were not able to complete some hard task. Did you complete it anyway? How did it feel when they said that to you? How did it feel to accomplish the task anyway if you did?
- What kind of attitude do you need to be able to accomplish tasks that seem impossible?

Utah Connection

In 1871, a year after Utah women gained suffrage, national suffragists Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony spoke in the

Salt Lake Tabernacle. They congratulated Utah women on their voting rights and spoke about their hopes that all women in the nation would soon enjoy them as well. This visit began a long friendship between Susan B. Anthony and Emmeline B. Wells. However, Elizabeth Cady Stanton was barred from speaking from Mormon pulpits because she advocated ideas such as birth control that were at odds with Mormon church teachings of the time.



Elizabeth Cady Stanton (sitting) and Susan B. Anthony (standing) sometime between 1880 and 1902. Courtesy of Library of Congress.