



Votes for Women: American Suffragists and the Battle for the Ballot

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Book Description

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This easy-to-digest nonfiction work provides a strong overview of the women's suffrage movement from abolition to the ratification of the 19th amendment as it honestly explores some of the uglier moments in the struggle for women's voting rights. It includes comprehensive end matter, including endnotes, a timeline, and primary source materials.

Discussion Questions

- Choose one of the stories told in the book and create an argument as to why it should be more well-known by the general public. Why are you inspired by this story? How can it relate to your day-to-day life?
- What did you find most surprising about this suffrage history? And why?
- This book leaves out the role that Utah played in the suffrage movement. What information and stories from the Utah history would you want included?

Utah Connection

For nearly forty years, Emmeline B. Wells and other Utah suffragists published a newspaper advocating for women's rights, called the Woman's Exponent. Emily S. Richards founded the Utah Woman Suffrage Association and organized local chapters throughout the Utah

Territory. Utah suffragists held meetings, distributed pamphlets, signed petitions and wrote petitions demanding women's voting rights in Utah and the nation.



Utah, Colorado, and national suffragists at the 1895 Rocky Mountain Suffrage Convention in Salt Lake City. Photo courtesy of Utah State Historical Society.

- 1) Electa Bullock
- 2) Minnie J. Snow
- 3) Mary Y. Dougall
- 4) Susan B. Anthony
- 5) Phoebe Young Beattie
- 6) Margaret A. Caine
- 7) Dr. Martha Hughes Cannon
- 8) Martha Horne Tingey
- 9) Lillie Richards Moore Pardee
- 10) Emily S. Richards
- 11) Rev. Anna Howard Shaw
- 12) Sarah M. Kimball
- 13) Emmeline B. Wells
- 14) Zina D. H. J. Young
- 15) Elvira Stevens Barney
- 16) Ellis Meredith Stansbury (Colorado)
- 17) Emma McVicker
- 18) Rebecca M. Little
- 19) ???
- 20) Isabelle E. Bennet
- 21) Harriet Amelia Folsom Young
- 22) Augusta W. Grant
- 23) Possibly Phoebe Woodruff Snow
- 24) Mary C.C. Bradford (Colorado)