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Susan B. Anthony

A female leader is brave, persistent, and tough. Susan B. Anthony was a brave, persistent, and tough woman. In my research I learned that all hard work pays off even if it is working for a different generation.

Susan B. Anthony voted illegally in the 1872 election. Even though she was fined \$100 and (\$2,144 now) she refused to pay, which was a very brave act. Susan B. Anthony had many astounding feats, such as both being the founder and president of the National Woman Suffrage Association. This was brave because, she wouldn't know if the association would be a success. She paved the way for the nineteenth amendment, which gave women right to vote. She also campaigned for the abolition of slavery. In those days she was going against the widely accepted social norms which made other people upset at her.

She was also persistent. In 1851, Susan B. Anthony met Elizabeth Cady Stanton and together they established the Women's New York State Temperance Society one year later. Together they campaigned in Seneca Falls, New York, for Women's rights to own property and to vote, which is also known as suffrage. She lobbied for *The Revolution*, whose motto was "Men their rights, and nothing more; Women their rights, and nothing less". She was very persistent and even though she was arrested, criticized, and fined, she still and fought through it all.

She was tough. She kept on working even if it looked as if her work was getting nowhere. Susan B. Anthony was born in a Quaker household on February 15, 1820, in Adams, Massachusetts. Her father was a cotton mill owner, and she was the second oldest of 8 children. From her Quaker household she developed a strong sense of morals. However in 1826, the Anthony family moved to New York after the the mill business failed. In 1840, the Anthony family joined the abolitionist movement. The Anthony farm became a meeting place for some famous abolitionists like Frederick Douglass. She was poor all her life so she was tough.

Even near the end of her life she still campaigned for women's right to vote. She met with President Theodore Roosevelt in 1905 to lobby for women's suffrage. Unfortunately the nineteenth amendment, which granted women the right to vote, was passed 19 years after Susan B. Anthony died. If you are a woman who voted in the past 2020 election, you would not be able to do so if it wasn't for Susan B. Anthony. She was an excellent leader who was brave, persistent, and tough.