

How to Celebrate International Women's Month: A Conversation with Susan B. Anthony Birthplace Museum

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In today's blog, we highlight the inspiring life and works of Susan B. Anthony to celebrate International Women's Month. We delve into her biggest contribution to women, her famous quotes, mottos and more!

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Who is Susan B. Anthony?

Susan B. Anthony was a pioneering feminist and suffragist; as well as a noteworthy figure in the abolitionist, opposition to Restellism (opposition to abortion) and temperance movements of the 19th century. She is a known activist and a famous woman historical figure who played a role in the women's rights movement.

What was Susan B. Anthony most famous for?

Susan Brownell Anthony was famous for delivering motivational speeches about women's suffrage, equal pay for equal work and the rights of labor. In 1920, her work paved the way to the Constitution giving women voting rights. She was very much ahead of her time who firmly believed that women deserved every right that was given to make citizens including the right to an education.

What started Susan B. Anthony's mission on women?

Susan B. Anthony experienced inequality as a young student when she was told by her teacher that girls do not need to learn long division. As an adult, Anthony went on to be educated as a teacher in Philadelphia and taught in various schools from 1835 to 1860, earning 1/3 of the salary paid to her male cohorts. For International Women's month, highlight the motivation of renowned female figures to show their beginnings.



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What are some of Susan B. Anthony's famous quotes?

- Independence is happiness.
- Failure is impossible.
- Whoever controls work and wages, controls morals.
- There is not a woman born who desires to eat the bread of dependence.
- The only question left to be settled now is: Are women persons? And I hardly believe any of our opponents will have the hardihood to say they are not.
- Oh, if I could live another century and see the function of all the work for women! There is so much yet to be done.
- The day may be approaching when the whole world will recognize woman as the equal of man.
- The Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, the constitutions of the several states, and the organic laws of the territories all alike propose to protect the people in the exercise of their God-given rights. Not one of them pretends to bestow rights.
- No man is good enough to govern any woman without her consent.
- Men, their rights, and nothing more; women, their rights, and nothing less.


For International Women's Month, highlight her quotes as her legacy, which still holds true today.

Fun Facts about Susan B. Anthony

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Susan B. Anthony Facts



Agent of Change



Susan B. Anthony was born in Feb 15, 1820 in Massachusettes where she grew up as a quaker.

She co-founded the National Woman Suffrage Association to focus on women's right to vote.

In 1979, Anthony became the first woman to be on a U.S. coin - a silver dollar.

When is International Women's Month?




International Women's Month yearly, takes place every March. **International Women's Day**, however, is celebrated every March 8. Remarkable women of history are usually tackled in classrooms and groups and an activity is usually planned to liven the discussion on their wonderful contributions to society.

This year, learn the life and quotes of the famous woman who fought for women's equality in the field of education, labor and politics, **Susan B. Anthony**.

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A Conversation with Susan B. Anthony's Birthplace Museum

1. Can you share more about Susan B. Anthony's motto of Organize, Agitate, Educate?

Originally stated by Babasaheb Ambedkar, India's first Justice Minister in his 1942 speech, this motto took on popularity with the UK Social Democratic Federation in 1883, which is likely where Susan first heard the phrase. For Susan and the [women's suffragists](#), the motto is a guideline of actions necessary to institute positive change.

Organize: people must organize their efforts into a singular movement with shared goals.

Agitate: it is necessary to disrupt societal norms to promote change.

Educate: it is essential to educate people young and old on the reasons why the change is necessary, and the good that the change will bring out.

If you only Organize, only Agitate, or only Educate you will likely fail; done together "Failure is Impossible" – Susan B. Anthony

Susan worked tirelessly for temperance, abolition, and women's suffrage. She never married, instead dedicating her life to multiple causes. She was the orator of [the suffrage movement](#), reading speeches and attending meetings across the United States. Her train travels took her as far west as Kansas & Chicago as she built up support for women's suffrage in the newer states. Her work for temperance connected her with [Elizabeth Cady Stanton](#), and the two would move on to be foundational members in the Women's suffrage movement in the United States.

She finally gained an audience with President Theodore Roosevelt in 1905, a year before her death, though he was not supportive of her introducing a suffrage amendment to congress. She completed her life's work laying the final bricks on the road to women's suffrage. The 19th amendment, ratified in 1920 was named after Susan B. Anthony and is the culminating piece of legislation of her life's work.

2. What is the mission of the Susan B. Anthony Birthplace Museum?

[The Susan B. Anthony Birthplace Museum](#), Inc. is a not-for-profit corporation, dedicated to preserving the Birthplace and raising public awareness of the wide-ranging legacy of the great social reformer. As part of its mission, the Museum highlights the familial and regional influences which shaped Ms. Anthony's early life, by displaying the textiles and furnishings of that period, as well as the literature and other memorabilia associated with her later career.

A second part of its mission is to serve as a pillar of the Northern Berkshires and Adams communities, providing diverse audiences with the tools to draw connections between the past and the present day, explore shared histories, build cultural awareness that lead historic stewardship for the future.

3. How can others play a part in helping with your educational mission?

We are always looking to expand our educational programming, particularly with school-aged children and young adults. This spring we will reach over 200 elementary school children through [field trips](#) and school presentations. Teachers, home schoolers, and administrators play an essential role in connecting our living history with students and introducing them to interactive historical narratives. We are also working on an online tour so that children all over the country and the world can engage with Susan B. Anthony's life and mission.

As an organization, we strive to educate students on the value of equal education for boys and girls and address that despite Susan's efforts, inequality in education, pay, and career choice still exists for women in America.


4. What is the best way to get involved? Are there any enriching opportunities for budding women leaders/students?

The best way to get involved is to visit the museum or attend our special events, taking place monthly through August of this year! Information on these events is available on our official website. If you are too far to stop by, we offer educational resources on our [website](#) so that you can bring Susan to life in your region.

For elementary & middle school students we offer a tangible way to relate to Susan as a child; you too can be like Susan and make positive change around you! Through field trips or school presentations, we bring Susan to life with re-enactment, engaging storytelling, and educational activities that bring the challenges and struggles of Susan's efforts to students.

High schoolers are welcome to intern year-round at the museum in curation, gift shop management, marketing, and research. Through our independent and guided internships, students can explore multiple areas of museum & non-profit work as they discern their future career and academic paths.

Did you know that you can talk to Susan B. Anthony herself? This International Women's Month, broaden your understanding of her works and her wisdom by asking relevant questions on women, voting and women's rights! Let history come alive with Twinkl's [Talk to a Historical Figure](#). Wrap up the discussion with AI and wow your students by bringing her back to the present. Explore other new AI tools and embrace innovation and technology. Talk to history today!

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To know more about our featured woman figure, Susan B. Anthony, for the whole month of March, check out:

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