



ICONIC WOMEN IN LEGAL HISTORY

Viewing Guide for SUSAN B. ANTHONY

About the Iconic Women in Legal History Project

Iconic Women In Legal History is designed to educate school students about iconic women in our nation’s legal history who have promoted and protected civil rights, fought for equality, and ultimately shaped our present culture.

Today women enjoy equal legal access to health care, education, civic participation, and economic justice as a result of generations of advocacy on behalf of women.

The project focuses on telling the stories of iconic women who are often overlooked or left out of mainstream textbooks, featuring videos and interviews with historians, legal scholars, relatives, and even the iconic women themselves.

Setting the Stage

1. Name some iconic women who have influenced you? Why do they stand are they so important to you?
2. What women do you remember reading about in history classes at school? Why did those women “make the cut”?
3. Do you feel like some women get overlooked by history? Why or why not?

Specific Discussion Questions – SUSAN B. ANTHONY

1. In your opinion, why is Susan B. Anthony “iconic”?
2. Why do you think is the most important reason Susan B. Anthony was chosen as the first female to have image on a minted coin?
3. Why was Susan B. Anthony considered an “agent of change”? How can an agent of change help change society?
4. What does “women’s suffrage” mean?
5. What struggles did Susan B. Anthony face in her fight for the right for women to vote?
6. What are some of the lessons you learned from hearing her story?
7. How should Susan B. Anthony be an example and inspire us today?

Additional Resources Available on this Iconic Woman

- *Failure is Impossible: Susan B Anthony in Her Own Words*. By: Lynn Sherr.
- <https://susanb.org>
- <https://www.britannica.com/biography/Susan-B-Anthony>