



## *Marching with Aunt Susan: Susan B. Anthony and the Fight for Women's Suffrage*

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### Book Description

*Elementary | Biography*

The story of women's suffrage told from the perspective of Bessie Keith Pond, a real-life ten-year-old from California, unfolds in this picture book biography. Bessie joins the campaign for women's suffrage after Susan B. Anthony visits her town. Based on Bessie's diaries, this picture book shares not only the main events in the fight for women's suffrage, but also how even young girls can make a difference in their communities and the world.

### Discussion Questions

- Why do you think some people didn't want women to vote?
- How would you feel if someone told you that you could not vote when you grow up?
- Bessie and Rita did things like make posters and lick envelopes as part of the suffrage cause. What could you do in your community at your age to help with a cause you believe in?
- Is there a woman who is a role model to you? How does her example inspire you to make a difference in your community?

### Utah Connection

Many young girls in Utah watched their mentors, aunts, mothers, and older sisters fight for suffrage. The road to the passage of the 19th Amendment took 72 years, so these young girls grew into adults who continued the fight for women's voting rights. For example, Annie Wells Cannon was eleven years old when women in Utah were first granted suffrage in 1870. Her mother, Emmeline B. Wells, was Utah's leading suffragist and good friends with Susan B. Anthony. Annie not only helped her mother write and edit the women's rights newspaper, the *Woman's Exponent*, she grew up to be a suffragist and a Utah state legislator.



*Annie Wells Cannon at age 2 1/2*