

THE NINETEENTH AMENDMENT AND WOMEN'S RIGHT TO VOTE

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People like Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton worked for forty years to win a basic right. On August 18, 1920, twenty-six million women finally got the right to vote. I think that made everything change. The women's right to vote took fifty years to be accomplished, but in the end, women got to vote. I think the Nineteenth Amendment and the women's right to vote is important because women need to get to make more choices. I also think it is good because it does not just give women the right to vote, but it gives women many other opportunities to do other things, like being a surgeon or a lawyer. It helps them have many other opportunities because if they get to vote for the president, representatives, or other laws that they like, then it gives them choices for what they want to do. For example, each president makes different choices, so women can vote for who they think will best handle problems effecting women. I think it is important that women get the right to vote because if men only get to vote then that would just make the laws different and unfair for women. Women make up half the population of voters. Giving the women the right to vote forces politicians to actually consider what women think, or risk losing all of the women's votes. Did you know that for the first time ever more women are in medical school than men? That would never even have been possible if women had not started protesting for the right to vote. Women choose to vote for more spending on schools and education. Women believed that the right to vote was the main way through all of the horrible stuff going on around them. For example, boys thought they were better than girls, even though boys and girls are equal to each other. Since boys thought that they were better, girls did not get taken seriously for jobs or at school. I think a lot of men did not participate in the women's suffrage movement because they wanted to have power over women. Even though there has not been a girl president yet, girls and women can try to work up to that. Maybe

someday we will have had 1,000 girl presidents! Even one girl president would not be possible without the Nineteenth Amendment.