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### Women's ride to equality

Equality, we have it, but how did we get it? On August 18, 1920, the 19th amendment was finally ratified to the Constitution. The Journey for this to happen was a very long and very hard journey and many people did not believe that they would succeed. However, with the right audience and the right behavior anything can be accomplished. The strong women in the 1900s used that behavior to accomplish their goal on equality.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, and Lucretia Mott. These women and many more like them used their behavior and beliefs to help influence society for the greater good. July 13, 1848 marked the beginning of what is known today as the Women's Rights Movement. The Seneca Falls Convention was the first woman's rights convention held in the United States. However, according to the website Britannica.com in an article titled 'Women's Suffrage' it was said that the movement started in the early 19th century during the agitation against slavery, Stanton and Mott decided to use the agitation to their favor and said that women also have rights. For example, Elizabeth Cady Stanton helped write the Declaration of Sentiments, which was a document modeled after the Declaration of Independence, it laid out what the rights for American women should be and it also compared the women's rights struggle to the Founding Fathers fight for their independence from the British. However, that was just the beginning.

What exactly is the 19th amendment? How did we get it? The 19th amendment gives anybody, no matter their gender, the right to vote. According to history.com the 19th amendment was first drafted in 1878 by Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony, which was 30 years after the Seneca Falls Convention. However, to achieve this accomplishment Stanton did a series of things to appeal to the public, mostly other women, eye. Elizabeth Stanton wrote articles and speeches on women's rights. Stanton also wrote an autobiography and a critique of women's treatment by religion, she also formed multiple organizations for equal rights as well as women's suffrage. Furthermore, as a result of that, many things came into action.

Not only do women get the right to vote, but they also get a series of other things as well. Women get better access to education, more equal pay to men, the right to initiate divorce proceedings, and women also get the right to make their own decisions regarding pregnancy. Females not only fought for freedom, but they fought and they won. Because of them and their beliefs society is now better than it ever was before. Now, in the wise words of Susan B. Anthony, "There never will be complete equality until women themselves help to make laws and elect lawmakers."

In conclusion, because of these strong independent women who used society's behavior for their benefit we now have equality amongst everyone. Without these brave women who challenged what society thought to be "normal" and "acceptable", women all around the United States would not have the freedom that they do now. So, for that we thank them.

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