

Dear Susan B. Anthony,

I am writing to thank you for fighting for women's rights. During your time, women could not vote even though laws affected their lives. Women teachers could also be paid less than men who did the same work. This is unfair because if they are working the same job, then they should get the same amount of money. Learning about this made me think about how different my future would be if girls still had fewer rights than boys. I chose to write to you because I was impressed by your hard work in women's rights.

You did not wait quietly for the rules to change. You stood for hours asking strangers to sign petitions for women's rights, even when people ignored you or disagreed. You also voted in 1872 even though women were not legally allowed to vote. Because of that choice, you were arrested, put on trial, and ordered to pay a fine. You needed courage to keep going even when you were ignored, insulted, and arrested. Your actions showed that unfair rules do not change unless someone is willing to challenge them.

Your work still affects my life as a girl today. When I am older, I will be able to vote and help choose leaders who make decisions about my community. Voting is important because I get to choose who I want to represent my voice. This helps me understand that voting gives ordinary people a voice in decisions that affect their daily lives and future.

Your story also teaches me how to respond when something is unfair. If I saw someone at school being excluded or treated differently, I would stand up. Speaking up might feel uncomfortable, but your example shows that staying silent allows unfairness to continue. Thank you for helping women gain a stronger voice and for continuing even when change was slow. I will remember that not everything changes fast, but if you keep going, it will change one day. Your courage reminds me that one person may not change everything immediately, but that person can help begin a change that others continue.

Sincerely,
Jenny