

# PROCESS PAPER

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While browsing through the web, I came upon an article on women's rights and the century-long movement that fought for it. There were some common names that we've all heard at least once in our lives: Susan B. Anthony, of course, and Elizabeth Cady Stanton. These two seemed to be the only ones that were immortalized in the memories of people who remembered the Women's Rights Movement.

I realized that these two couldn't have been the only major contributors. Further research led me to Alice Paul, a suffragist who ended the century-long movement but never received as much recognition and respect as Anthony and Stanton. I was inspired by her role as the woman who brought rights to others of her gender, as well as her role in securing the 19th Amendment. However, when I researched more articles on the Woman's Rights Movement in general, I found almost no mention of her name. The few articles crediting her for her actions only contained a few sentences about her contributions, which was nowhere near as much as the dozens of paragraphs spent on Anthony and Stanton. Disappointed by how little credit she was given for her large benefactions to the movement, I decided to dedicate my research to her.

The theme for this year was "Communication in History," and I soon found out that Paul was the perfect topic. The women's rights movement consisted of many people, including Paul, who had to communicate with men and the public to stress the importance of equality for all genders.

I chose to create a website since I had experience in the field. This is my second year competing in the NHD competition, and I've learned to overcome many errors the website editor had. This saved me time, as I could avoid the obstacles that would be in my way. It is quite impossible to create a project without struggles, as I encountered the problem of time management during my research. I never had a sense of balance through my project, as I had the constant feeling that I would cruise through my work with ease, as I had an advantage of experience. At the end, my friends reminded me of the homework and quizzes school would give to us and that, if I wanted to do well on those, I would need to study, and that would take time. This showed me that I didn't have all the time in the world to work on NHD, and I had better get started before it was too late.

My topic fits with this year's theme since it provides information on how Alice Paul and the other women suffragists communicated the need and importance of their rights. From peaceful movements to hunger strikes, they proved how dedicated they were to the cause and this provided

them with support. Without the movement and Alice Paul's sacrifices, women today would not have the ability to vote, nor would they have equality.