

Marching with Aunt Susan

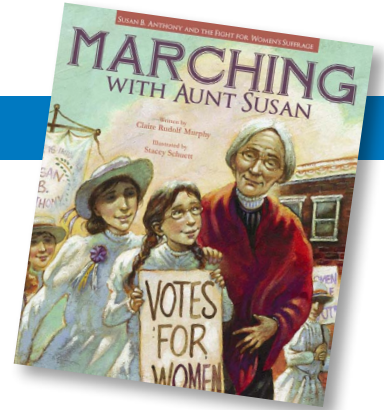
A RIF GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

Themes: Women's Rights, History, Family, Perseverance

Book Brief: It's 1896, and women in America don't have the right to vote in elections. Follow along with one brave young girl as she fights for equal rights with her friends, family, and Susan B. Anthony.

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TIME TO READ!



Before reading, build background: *Suffrage* is the right to vote. What does your child know about voting in the US? Explain that, when the country was first founded, only rich white men could vote.

While reading, pay attention to the characters: How do Bessie and the other characters change during

the story? How does Bessie help the people around her realize that women should have the same rights as men?

After reading, ask questions:

- ◆ Why is being able to vote so important?
- ◆ Why do you think Papa let Bessie go hiking at the end of the story?
- ◆ Do you think Bessie still made a difference even though women lost the election?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

LYRICAL GENIUS

The women in the book made up new lyrics to an old song to sing while they marched. Pick a song you like. Rewrite the lyrics so the song tells a story about something that happened in your life or in a book you've read. Try to make the new lyrics rhyme the same way the original lyrics do. Keep the song's original tune. Perform your new song for a group of friends or family!

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Materials: paper or posterboard, markers or colored pencils

Bessie found something she cared about and worked to support it. What cause do you care about? The environment? Animal rights? Protecting your

community? Pick a cause and make a campaign poster or flyer to support it. Explain your cause, why it's important, and how other people can help. Hang your poster somewhere public so people can see it and learn about your cause!

TECHNOLOGY LINK

Go to www.youtube.com/watch?v=T57dwhJBtts to hear a speech Susan B. Anthony gave in 1872 on why women should be able to vote. Visit <http://herstoryscrapbook.com/> to see newspaper articles written during the women's suffrage movement.



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR

A Child's Alaska (2012)
I Am Sacajawea, I Am York (2005)
Caribou Girl (2000)



Reading Is Fundamental