

## A Role Model To All

America's rich history possesses many heroes and prominent figures. These figures have shaped our future and demonstrated extremely positive characteristics like being courageous and taking risks, self sacrifice in order to accomplish goals beyond themselves, showing compassion to the undervalued, and many more. There have been a multitude of people who have accomplished these feats on a large scale, but in my belief Susan B. Anthony demonstrates these qualitative traits the most, and is a role model to all. She was a key figure in the push for women's suffrage and to give women the same rights that men had. Following her qualities can take you far in life, helping you advance your dreams and make an impact on the world around you. Three qualities that I deeply admire in her are: recognizing your self worth and advocating for yourself, being courageous in the face of immense diversity and oppression, and being a voice for the vulnerable.

Ms. Anthony's first quality to make her a strong character is knowing your worth and being an advocate for yourself. In the real world, you will be alone for periods of your life, where the only support you have is yourself. No one will fight for you nor back you up when things get complicated. Your morality is beaten during this time and you end up losing a part of yourself. While your confidence is low, this is the most crucial time to know your worth. People will take advantage of you, and you must not succumb to what they want. This is very important to me moving forward, for when I head off into college and into my career, I won't have parents or siblings to give me unconditional support. Knowing who I am and what I can offer will be the backup that I had to leave behind at home, and knowing your worth can compare to bringing the supportive piece of your family on your journey. Once you know and recognize your worth, you can begin advocating for yourself. Stick up for yourself and fight for what you believe. Fight for what you want. Fight for what you need. Life is a constant fight, and Ms. Anthony fought for sixty years to get women's rights. I'm going to take her ambition and plant it in myself, leading me to a road of success.

Ms. Anthony had faced not only vast but also immense suppression from men in her fight for equal rights. She had received backlash for her views from people who believed that men and women

should not be on equal footing. She had faced this all her life, and she was able to recognize that it won't change if she won't make it change. So she stood tall and firm and faced the criticism and hatred head on, embracing all of it while she kept moving forward. This trait is important to my future as there will come a time where I will need to stick up to people who have more money, more influence, and more power than me. One of my goals is to graduate college with a degree in finance, and when dealing with money, people can get scary. Money makes people desperate and irrational, and most will do whatever they can to get more. In case I ever encounter people like this, I will need an unwavering will to make sure that I stand the ground I'm given.

Ms. Anthony's last trait that has inspired me is her ability to speak up for those who can't speak. Some people in life have lost their voice. These are the ones who get constantly abused and degraded into nothingness. When they accept this is how it's going to be for the rest of their life, they have lost. Ms. Anthony had spoken up for the countless women who couldn't speak for themselves, and after a decades long battle she finally gave them a voice. I seek this trait to be a better human being in my life. A huge goal I have in the future is to be a positive example on what being a human should look like. I want to be someone people can rely on and turn to help in their times of need. I want to be someone who can inspire people and motivate them to be the best version of themselves. I want to be someone that people can speak positively of so when I die, I have made an impact on the world. To be a voice for others who struggle speaking for themselves in my mind is one of the greatest honors you can have. People have placed themselves into your hands and have given up their pride in the sake of getting better and moving forward. Ms. Anthony had inspired me greatly to help others in their times of need.

Overall, Ms. Anthony has made a great impact on what I strive to be and accomplish in my life. She is not talked about as much as I think she deserves, so shining light on her qualities that changed the course of America can make a difference. She was a strong resilient character who advocated for not only herself or close friends and family, but all women in the United States of America, even through the oppression and hate she faced. She was a voice for those who couldn't speak to make sure

that everyone was heard. Ms. Anthony is a great example of what a role model should be to all people.