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Susan B. Anthony & Perseverance

Throughout her career, many people hated her. She was called names and made fun of in political cartoons. She was arrested and put on trial. And once even, a group of people made a scarecrow that looked like her and set it on fire. That's a lot of hate. What do you think she was doing? What made her the target of all that negativity?

In 1820, a special woman was born
Who would take the United States by storm.
Susan B. Anthony, a daughter of Quakers,
And their way of life is what would help make her.
They were all about equal rights and education,
So being a teacher was her first occupation.
But when she saw women were paid less than men,
That's when her activism began.
Listen, she fought for abolition
And for changes in the education system.
But what we know her for most
Was her fight for women's rights and their right to vote,
Which is called women's suffrage.
She met Elizabeth Cady Stanton and caused a ruckus.
They made speeches state to state,
And kept on pushing in the face of hate.
They wrote newspaper articles, wanted an amendment,
So women had the same right to vote that men did.
Then in 1872,
They rolled up to the ballots and brought their whole crew.
They cast their votes, that's when it got wild,
Anthony was arrested, and she went on trial.

The way they treated Susan B. Anthony was vile,
But perseverance was her personal style.

Susan B. Anthony, today she is praised,
But that's not the way it was back in her day.
She was mocked, hated, arrested and tried,
But she fought for women's rights 'til the day that she died.
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The judge told the jury to find her guilty,
And pay a \$100 fine, that's when it got ill, see.
She didn't pay it, nope, she refused,
Even though she was hated, she fought hard for her views.
Making moves, her and Stanton stayed patient,
Started the National Woman Suffrage Association.
Addressing Congress year after year,
Steady raising awareness, wouldn't disappear.
They wanted a change, so women could vote,
But the answer that they just kept getting was no.
They didn't give up though, nope, they didn't quit,
'Til the day Anthony died in 1906.
But in 1920, it finally occurred,
And the 19th Amendment was named after her.
Later there would be a new club that she would join
When she became the first woman depicted on a coin.

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