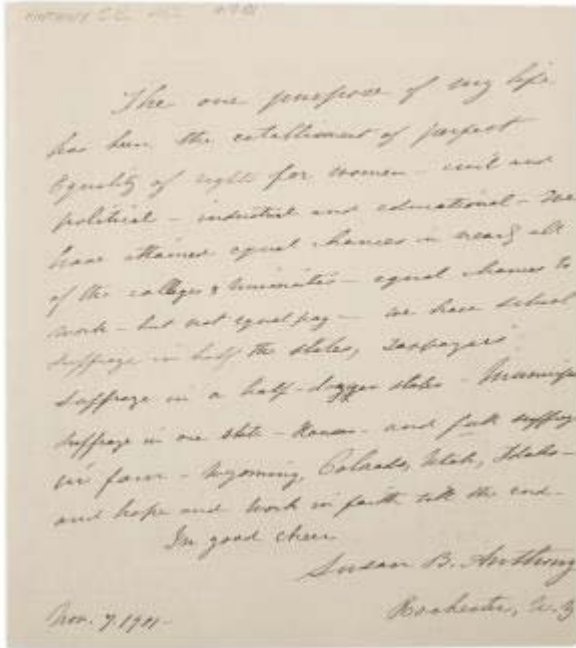


## Susan B. Anthony on Suffrage and Equal Rights, 1901

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*Susan B. Anthony, Statement of the current state of her work for equal rights for women, November 7, 1901. (Gilder Lehrman Collection)*

Writing at the age of eighty, having just retired from a long public life as an advocate for abolition and women's rights, Susan B. Anthony trenchantly summarized the gains that had been made in women's rights. Her energetic tone suggests the inner resilience that had established her as a leader in the drive for women's voting rights and would propel the movement far into the twentieth century.

### TRANSCRIPT

The one purpose of my life has been the establishment of perfect equality of rights for women – civil and political – industrial and educational. We have attained equal chances in nearly all of the colleges and universities – equal chances to work – but not equal pay. We have school suffrage in half the states, taxpayers' suffrage in a half-dozen states –

Municipal suffrage in one state – Kansas – and full suffrage in four – Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Idaho – and hope and work in faith till the end.

In good cheer

Susan B. Anthony

Nov. 7. 1901 –

Rochester, N.Y.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. What was the "one purpose" of Susan B. Anthony's life, according to Susan B. Anthony herself?

2. In this transcribed statement, Anthony summarized the gains that had been made in women's rights. Identify one of those gains.

Support your answer with evidence from the text.

3. What is the main idea of this text?