American Women who Fought for the Right to Vote

Lydia Chapin Taft was the first woman known to legally vote (1756) in colonial America. During the early 1800s, states passed laws to stop women from voting.

Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton based the Seneca Falls Declaration on the Declaration of Independence. They wrote: “all men and women are created equal [and] are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights” (1848). They worked for women’s rights, especially the right to vote.

Alice Paul led the 1910s campaign for the 19th Amendment (1920) to the U.S. Constitution which prohibits sex discrimination in voting.

Fanny Lou Hammer and Ella Baker organized voter registration drives in the American South. Their work led to the Voting Rights Act of 1965 which prohibits racial discrimination in voting.

QUIZ:

USCIS 100:02. What does the Constitution do?

USCIS 100:04. What is an amendment?

USCIS 100:09. What are two rights in the Declaration of Independence?

USCIS 100:48. There are 4 amendments to the Constitution about who can vote. Describe one of them.

USCIS 100:49. What is one responsibility that is only for United States citizens?*

USCIS 100:50. Name one right only for United States citizens.

USCIS 100:54. How old do citizens have to be to vote for President?*

USCIS 100:55. What are two ways that Americans can participate in their democracy?

USCIS 100:77. What did Susan B. Anthony do?

USCIS 100:84. What movement tried to end racial discrimination?