

LESSONS IN **LEADERSHIP**

Two Leaders to Inspire You

Susan B. Anthony and Cesar E. Chavez are two who stepped into leadership roles—and changed the world through their work and examples.

- ▶ **SUSAN B. ANTHONY** Securing the right to vote for women was Anthony’s life-long quest. Although the Massachusetts native died 14 years before women gained that right in 1920, her leadership on the issue was key to the victory.

She campaigned for the vote even at the risk of losing her job. She spoke publicly about women deserving voting rights.

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Anthony even challenged New York’s law by showing up and voting at one election, and getting arrested on the spot for her boldness. She campaigned forcefully for her beliefs, proclaiming: “The true republic—men, their rights and nothing more; women, their rights and nothing less.”

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She founded the newspaper, *Revolution*; and with Elizabeth Cady Stanton wrote *A History of Woman Suffrage*.

- ▶ **CESAR E. CHAVEZ** Chavez was two years old when the stock market crashed in 1929, leading to the Great Depression. His family left its Yuma, Arizona, farm, becoming migrant workers. When his father was hurt in an accident, Chavez, an 8th grader, left school to take his father’s place in the fields. He later served in the Navy.

At age 25, he was back in the fields when he was hired by a nonprofit to conduct voter registration drives and work to end racial and economic discrimination. Chavez saw the need for farm workers to organize, and in 1962 founded the National Farm Workers of America.

Grape strikes he organized help win better conditions for the migrants. When he died in 1993, more than 40,000 people attended his funeral in California.



You’re A Leader

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List some ways your participation shows leadership.

▶ In school:

▶ On a team:

▶ In your community:
