

Hi, I am Kelly Madison and I live in Washington DC in 1919. I am 17 years old and I have one sister named Rachel. We women today still do not have the right to vote. Me and my sister tried to figure out why we can't vote. Then something amazing happened, women had a parade lead by Alice Paul in the front of the White House to address women suffrage. So me and my sister took a stand and joined the Women's Suffrage Campaign. Women all around the world came to join the fight. After a while, women were being arrested for blocking traffic. Back in 1872, a woman named Susan B. Anthony voted for the presidential election and was put on trial and arrested. We knew it was a risk but we had to stand up for what we believed in. One day while standing in front of the White House, Rachel got arrested and just like that she was gone. I knew of the horrible things they did to women in jail so I knew I had to do something. I found out that President Wilson was holding a town party to greet people and get their opinion about women's right to vote. I knew of a woman named Alice Paul had already tried to talk to the President but I was determined to talk to him myself. At first, I was afraid to talk to him after what had happened to Rachel, but I knew it was the only way. I saw him surrounded by his secret service agents, but I marched right up and said "Mr. President, we live in the land of the free, but women still aren't free. We cannot vote and voice our opinion. We need to be heard and there are many women out there making a stand. Some have been arrested including my sister. I haven't seen her since what happened." President Wilson responded by saying that many women believed that politics were not good for the moral and spiritual authority of women. He also brought up that women were against brewers and distillers and that would affect businesses. Of course he said he would have to think about it, but after seeing that women had stood by the men in the war, President Wilson finally changed his mind. The women who were in jail were suddenly free and they felt really good about what they had done. I found Rachel and we so relieved. We cannot wait to get our chance to vote. I hope all women remember the struggle of women suffrage and get out there to vote.