

Social Studies / History Assessment: The Fight for the Vote

Learning objective: To understand the history of the Suffragettes and the campaign for women's right to vote in the early 20th century.

Read each question carefully. Use your historical knowledge to answer in full sentences where required. Ensure you use the vocabulary provided where appropriate.

In the early 1900s, women in Britain were not allowed to vote in general elections. While men had the right to vote if they met certain rules, women were excluded from the democratic process. A group of women, led by figures like Emmeline Pankhurst, decided they could no longer wait for change. They formed the Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU) and became known as the Suffragettes. They used 'deeds, not words' to protest, organising marches, rallies, and public demonstrations to demand that women be given the same rights as men.

Word bank: Suffragette · Parliament · vote · campaign · equality · Emmeline Pankhurst · protest · democracy

1. What does it mean to have the right to 'vote' in a democracy? (2 marks)

2. Identify one method the Suffragettes used to try and gain attention for their cause. (1 mark)

3. Who was Emmeline Pankhurst and why was she a significant figure in this movement? (3 marks)

4. Explain the difference between a Suffragist and a Suffragette. Why did the Suffragettes feel that peaceful methods were not working fast enough? (4 marks)

5. Why do you think the Suffragettes chose the slogan 'Deeds, not words'? What were they trying to tell the government? (5 marks)

6. Imagine you are a Suffragette in 1910. Write a short speech (50-70 words) to persuade a crowd to support the campaign for women's votes. (5 marks)

7. The campaign for the vote was long and difficult. Name one challenge that the Suffragettes faced while trying to change the law. (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a banner that a Suffragette might have carried during a march. Include a slogan and a symbol that represents equality.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Research Task: Find out which year women were finally granted the same voting rights as men in the UK. Write the date below.