

The Fight for Fairness: The Suffragette Movement

Learning objective: To write a historical account explaining the role of the Suffragettes in the campaign for women's right to vote.

Use this writing frame to help you structure your historical report. Think about the reasons why women campaigned and the methods they used to be heard. Remember to use formal language and historical terminology.

At the beginning of the 20th century, women in the United Kingdom did not have the same rights as men, specifically the right to vote in general elections.

Word bank: campaign · suffrage · parliament · peaceful · demonstration · equality · furthermore · consequently · in addition · nevertheless

1. Introduction: Define what the Suffragettes were and why they started their campaign. Start with: The Suffragettes were a group of women who... (3 marks)

2. The Campaign: Explain the methods the women used to try and change the law. Start with: To raise awareness, the women decided to... (3 marks)

3. Opposition: Describe how the government and some members of the public reacted to these protests. Start with: Many people in power at the time... (3 marks)

4. The Outcome: Explain when and how women finally achieved the right to vote. Start with: Eventually, after many years of struggle... (3 marks)

5. Reflection: Why is it important that we remember their work today? Start with: It is important to remember the Suffragettes because... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are a Suffragette writing a diary entry about a day spent handing out leaflets. Use descriptive language to explain how you felt and why you were determined to keep going despite the challenges.