

Ellie's Historical Heroines: The Suffragette Movement

Learning objective: To understand the significance of the Suffragette movement and the campaign for women's right to vote in the UK.

Ellie the elephant has been researching history! Use this diary-entry template to step into the shoes of a campaigner from the early 20th century. Fill in the boxes to explain why they campaigned, what methods they used, and how they felt about the future of democracy.

Word bank: Suffragette · Campaign · Vote · Parliament · Democracy · Equality · Protest · Petition · Rights

1. The Date and Setting: Write the date of your entry (choose a year between 1903 and 1928) and describe where you are protesting today. (2 marks)

2. The Goal: Explain why you are campaigning. What is the 'vote' and why is it so important for women to have it? (3 marks)

3. Taking Action: Describe one way you and your fellow Suffragettes are trying to get the government to listen. Are you holding a march or signing a petition? (3 marks)

4. The Challenges: What makes this mission difficult? How do people who disagree with you react to your campaign? (3 marks)

5. Hopes for the Future: If you could see into the future, what would you hope to see changed for the women of Britain? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Research a famous Suffragette such as Emmeline Pankhurst. Write three sentences about her contribution to the movement on the back of this sheet.