Ellie’s Historical Heroines: The Suffragette Diary

Learning objective: To understand the role of the Suffragettes in the campaign for women's suffrage in the early 20th century.

Imagine you are living in the early 1900s. Use this diary entry template to record the events of a Suffragette meeting or protest. Use the word bank to help you explain why the campaign for the vote was so important to many women at the time.

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

1. Date and Setting: Write the date of your entry (between 1903 and 1928) and describe where you are. Are you at a peaceful march or a public meeting? (2 marks)

2. The Goal: Explain what the Suffragettes are fighting for and why it is important that women have a voice in Parliament. (3 marks)

3. The Method: Describe one way the Suffragettes are trying to get the attention of the government. How are they spreading their message? (3 marks)

4. Personal Feelings: How do you feel about the cause? Are you feeling brave, hopeful, or determined? Explain why. (2 marks)

5. The Future: What change do you hope to see for women in Britain in the future? What would the vote allow women to do? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Research a specific Suffragette or Suffragist. On the back of this sheet, write a short biography explaining what they did to help women gain the right to vote.