

The Fight for Equality: The Suffragette Movement

Learning objective: To understand the history, purpose, and impact of the Suffragette movement in the early 20th century.

Read each flashcard to learn about the campaign for women's voting rights. Use these to test your knowledge of key terminology and historical events.

What does the term 'Suffragette' mean?

A member of an activist women's organisation in the early 20th century who campaigned for the right to vote in public elections.

Who was Emmeline Pankhurst?

A prominent political activist and leader of the British suffragette movement who helped women win the right to vote.

What was the main goal of the Suffragettes?

To gain the parliamentary vote for women and achieve equal political representation to men.

What is the meaning of 'Representation' in a democracy?

Having someone chosen to speak or act on behalf of others in the government.

Why did the Suffragettes use public protests?

To draw attention to their cause and show the government that women were serious about demanding change.

What does 'Democracy' mean?

A system of government where the citizens have the power to choose their leaders by voting.

What was the slogan 'Votes for Women' used for?

It was the clear, rallying cry used on banners and badges to explain the movement's primary objective.

What does the word 'Campaign' mean in history?

A series of organised activities or events intended to achieve a specific social or political goal.

How did the Suffragettes differ from the Suffragists?

Suffragists believed in using peaceful, legal methods, while Suffragettes were often more militant and took direct action.

What is Parliament?

The group of people who make the laws for the country.

Why was the year 1918 significant for British women?

It was the year that some women over the age of 30, who met certain property requirements, were finally granted the right to vote.

What was the 'Representation of the People Act'?

A law passed by Parliament that changed the rules to allow more people, including some women, to vote.