

Ellie's History Challenge: The Suffragettes

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

Read the historical context provided by Ellie the Elephant and answer the questions below. Use your historical enquiry skills to think about why this movement was so important for equality.

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.True, 3.Suffragette, 4.A, 5.False, 6.Parliament, 7.B, 8.True, 9.Equality, 10.B. Historical note: The Suffragettes used 'Deeds, not words' as their motto to show they were serious about their campaign for the vote.

Word bank: Suffragette · Parliament · Campaign · Equality · Votes · Protest · Democracy · Emmeline Pankhurst

1. What does the term 'Suffrage' mean? A) A type of hat, B) The right to work, C) The right to vote in an election*, D) A method of writing. (1 mark)

2. True or False: In the early 1900s, women in the UK were allowed to vote in general elections. (1 mark)

3. What was the name given to the militant women who campaigned for the right to vote? (1 word) (1 mark)

4. Who was the leader of the Women's Social and Political Union? A) Emmeline Pankhurst*, B) Queen Victoria, C) Florence Nightingale, D) Rosa Parks. (1 mark)

5. True or False: The Suffragettes never used banners or public speeches to share their message. (1 mark)

6. Which building in London is the centre of the UK government where laws are made? (1 word) (1 mark)

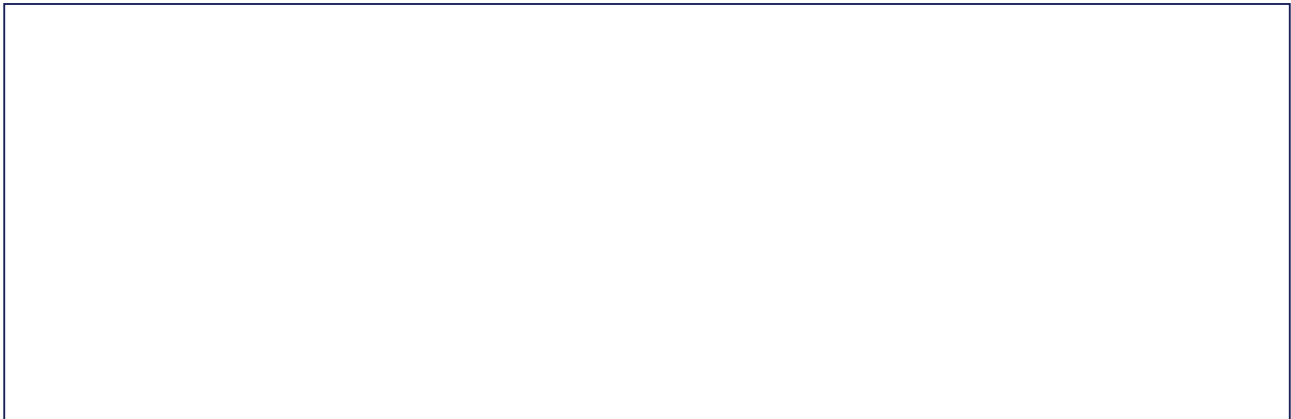
7. What was the famous motto of the Suffragettes? A) Words are better than deeds, B) Deeds, not words*, C) Silence is golden, D) Votes for some. (1 mark)

8. True or False: The campaign for women's suffrage was a peaceful movement that never faced opposition. (1 mark)

9. What is the name of the principle where everyone has the same rights and opportunities? (1 word) (1 mark)

10. Why did the Suffragettes feel it was important to protest? A) They wanted more holidays, B) They believed women should have a say in how the country was run*, C) They wanted to change the weather, D) They wanted to close all schools. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a banner that a Suffragette might have carried during a peaceful march. Include a powerful slogan that uses bright colours to catch people's attention.



Extension challenge: 1. Explain why the Suffragettes chose the motto 'Deeds, not words'. 2. Compare and contrast the methods of the Suffragists (who were peaceful) and the Suffragettes (who were more militant). 3. Justify your answer: Was the campaign for the vote a success? 4. What might happen if women had never been given the right to vote in the UK? 5. Imagine you are a reporter in 1910. Write a short diary entry describing a protest you witnessed. 6. Why is the right to vote considered such an important part of a modern democracy?