

Ellie's Historical Insight: The Fight for the Vote

Learning objective: To analyse the significance of the Suffragette movement and understand the methods used to achieve votes for women in the early 20th century.

Use this fact-file to research the history of the women's suffrage movement. Ellie the Elephant has provided the structure below to help you organise your findings. Remember to use formal, historical language and support your points with evidence from your research.

Word bank: Suffragette · Suffragist · Parliament · Representation · Campaign · Democracy · Equality · Petition · Protest

1. The Movement's Aims: Explain the primary objectives of the Suffragette movement and why they felt it was necessary to campaign for these rights. (3 marks)

2. Methods of Action: Compare and contrast the tactics used by the Suffragists (NUWSS) and the Suffragettes (WSPU). Why did their approaches differ? (4 marks)

3. Key Figures: Identify one influential figure from the movement. Justify why their contribution was significant to the progression of women's rights. (3 marks)

4. Overcoming Obstacles: Describe the challenges and opposition faced by those campaigning for the vote. How did they maintain their resolve? (3 marks)

5. Historical Impact: Explain why the Representation of the People Act 1918 was a landmark moment for British democracy. (4 marks)

6. Critical Reflection: What might have happened to the progression of social equality if the Suffragettes had chosen not to protest? Provide evidence for your view. (5 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are a reporter in 1913. Write a compelling, objective editorial article for a local newspaper discussing the impact of the Suffragette movement on society. Your article should use rich vocabulary and demonstrate a balanced understanding of the political tension during this era.