Ellie’s History Journal: The Fight for the Vote

Learning objective: To understand the significance of the Suffragette movement in the UK and identify key figures and methods used to achieve votes for women.

Imagine you are a historian working with Ellie the Elephant to document the Suffragette movement. Use your textbook or class notes to fill in this fact-file. Research the methods used, the key figures involved, and the long-term impact on British democracy.

Word bank: Suffragette · Campaign · Parliament · Demonstration · Representation · Equality · Petitions · Emmeline Pankhurst

1. The Suffragette Movement: Explain in your own words what the Suffragette movement was and why it began in the early 20th century. (3 marks)

2. Key Figures: Identify one prominent leader of the Suffragette movement and describe one action they took to campaign for women's voting rights. (2 marks)

3. Methods of Protest: List two different ways Suffragettes tried to raise awareness for their cause. Why do you think they chose these methods? (4 marks)

4. Challenges Faced: Describe one difficulty or challenge that women faced when trying to change the law to gain the vote. (2 marks)

5. Historical Impact: Reflect on why the right to vote is considered a vital part of democracy in the United Kingdom today. (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Research a 'Suffragist' (a member of the NUWSS). Write a short paragraph comparing their methods of protest to those of the 'Suffragettes' (the WSPU).