Votes for Women: The Story of the Suffragettes

Stand tall, speak out, and make your voice heard! Join Ellie the Elephant on a journey through history.

- **The Suffragettes were members of the Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU), formed in 1903 by Emmeline Pankhurst to campaign for women's right to vote.**
- **The motto of the Suffragettes was 'Deeds, not words', reflecting their belief that direct action was necessary to bring about political change.**
- **Suffragettes used various tactics to raise awareness, including peaceful marches, public speeches, and petitions sent to Parliament.**
- **The colour scheme associated with the Suffragettes was purple (for dignity), white (for purity), and green (for hope).**
- **Many women faced imprisonment and hardship because of their involvement in the movement, yet they continued to advocate for equality.**

Did you know? Did you know? In 1918, the Representation of the People Act was passed, which finally allowed women over the age of 30 who met specific property qualifications to vote for the first time. It took until 1928 for all women over 21 to gain the same voting rights as men!

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