The Fight for Equality: The Suffragette Movement

Learning objective: To write a balanced historical account explaining the methods and impact of the Suffragette movement in the early 20th century.

Use this scaffold to structure your historical report. Remember to use formal language, third-person perspective, and provide historical evidence to support your arguments.

In the early twentieth century, the social and political landscape of Britain began to shift as women campaigned tirelessly for the right to vote.

Word bank: furthermore · consequently · nevertheless · in spite of · suffrage · militant · campaign · inequality · parliament · legislation · significant impact

1. Introduction: Define the term 'suffrage' and explain why women were campaigning for the vote. Begin by stating: 'At the turn of the century, women in Britain were denied the right to vote because...' (2 marks)

2. The Suffragists vs. The Suffragettes: Explain the difference between the two groups. Begin by stating: 'While the Suffragists believed in peaceful protest, the Suffragettes, led by figures such as Emmeline Pankhurst, adopted a more militant approach by...' (3 marks)

3. Methods of Protest: Describe the actions taken by the Suffragettes to gain attention for their cause. Begin by stating: 'To ensure their voices were heard, the Suffragettes utilised various tactics including...' (3 marks)

4. The Impact of the Movement: Discuss how the movement changed public opinion and eventually led to legislative change. Begin by stating: 'The determination shown by these women had a profound impact on society, eventually resulting in...' (3 marks)

5. Conclusion: Summarise why this movement is considered a turning point in British history. Begin by stating: 'In conclusion, the Suffragette movement was a pivotal moment in history because...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Ellie the elephant has a great memory for dates! Research the Representation of the People Act 1918 and the Equal Franchise Act 1928. Can you explain why these two dates are different and what they achieved for women's voting rights?