



Knowledge Organiser - The Changing Role of Women

<u>Year 6 - History</u>

Women's roles in society changed dramatically during the early 1900's, due to World War 1 and







Key Vocabulary	Definitions.
arson	The act of deliberately setting fire to property with a view to
	causing extensive damage.
Cat and Mouse Act	Permitted suffragettes on hunger strike to be released but re-arrested
	ance well again to complete their sentences.
constitutional	A peaceful, legal way of campaigning, often using recognised
	'political' methods such as petitions.
enfranchisement	To be granted the vote or the state of having the vote.
force feeding	Imprisoned suffragettes on hunger strike were sometimes force fed.
	Being force fed involved a rubber tube being inserted into the
	throat or nose and liquidised food being poured in.
hunger strike	Some imprisoned suffragettes went on hunger strike to further raise
	awareness for their cause.
manifesto	A public declaration or proclamation, stating the aims and
	methods of a campaign group.
NUWSS	The National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies was formed in
	1897 and bought together small suffrage organisations.
suffrage	The right to vote in political elections.
suffragette	A campaigner for women's suffrage willing to undertake violent
	behaviour or break the law in pursuit of a political cause.
suffragist	A campaigner for women's suffrage who believes in constitutional
-	methods of campaigning.
WSPU	Women's Social and Political Union formed by Emmeline Pankhurst.

1100	The law of coverture is enforced stating when a woman
	marries, she submits all her rights to her husband.
1660	Margaret Hughes becomes the first female actress.
1760	Industrial Revolution begins.
1897	NUWSS farmed. Millicent Fawcett is leader.
1903	WSPU is formed by Emmeline Pankhurst.
1905	Militant campaign begins.
1913	Militant bomb and arson campaigns and increasing
	arrests which results in the passing of the Cat and
	Mouse Act.
1913	Emily Davison dies after jumping in front of the King's
	horse at Epsom race track four days earlier.
1914	World War I starts and suffragette leaders urge women to
	join the war effort.
1918	The Representation of the People Act is passed, allowing
	women over 30 and women over 21 who were married to
	a property owner.
1928	The Equal Franchise Act is passed which gives equal
	voting rights to men and women. All adults over the age
	of 21 can vote.
1970	The Equal Pay Act is passed which makes it illegal for
	women to be paid less than men for doing the same
	w.o.r.k.
1975	The Sex Discrimination Act is passed making it illegal to
	discriminate on the bases of gender.



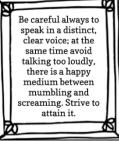
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(Never make a noise in eating. To munch or smack the lips are vulgar faults.







Emmeline Pankhurst: Leader of the British suffragette movement who helped women win the right to vote. She died in 1928, shortly before women were given full voting rights.



Emily Davison: A suffragette who joined the WSPU in 1906. She was frequently arrested for a number of crimes including setting fire to a post box. By 1911, she became increasingly militant.