

The Big Question:

IN THE EARLY 1900S WHO WAS FOR AND AGAINST **WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE** AND WHY?

Most people have heard of the Suffragettes. After that, their knowledge of the issue of women's suffrage is a bit hazy. It tends to be something like this:

'The Suffragettes wanted the vote for women and men wouldn't give them the vote.'

This view is not actually wrong. However, it misses out huge chunks of the story. It is a rather stereotypical view because it does not consider issues such as:

- What were the main arguments for giving women the vote?
- Were the Suffragettes the only group campaigning for women's suffrage?
- Did men campaign for women's suffrage?
- did the supporters of women's suffrage want the vote for?
- What other issues concerned women in the early 1900s?
- Why were some people so opposed to women's suffrage?
- Were the opponents of women's suffrage all men?

In this Gallery, your task is to prepare a presentation that will give ordinary people a more complete picture of women's suffrage.

STAGE 1

Research

You will need to use the Gallery background information, the sources and the recommended web pages to research your presentation. Each case study contains information about at least 2 of the issues and some contain information relevant to all 7.

There is a table to help you research each issue.

STAGE 2

Presentation

Prepare a presentation on women's suffrage using your research. You can present your views any way you wish.

You could use presentation software like Microsoft PowerPoint. We have provided a suggested structure for your presentation in the Big Question 3 Presentation Template.

Remember that you are trying to keep the presentation simple and clear. Try and stick to lists of bullet points, and have your evidence on separate notes. You could do this by having a separate notepad to go with your presentation or use the notes view facility in PowerPoint.