

Case study: MILITANTS

Many different groups and individuals played a part in achieving the vote for some women in 1918. One of the most well known groups were the militant Suffragettes, mostly those who belonged to the WSPU led by Emmeline Pankhurst. Some historians believe the publicity created by the Suffragettes was vital. Others believe the Suffragettes harmed their cause. In this case study you are going to study a number of sources from the time. These sources will help you to investigate the impact of the Suffragettes in terms of women achieving the vote in 1918.

SOURCES:

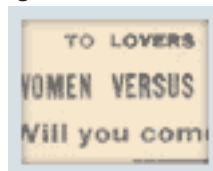
Treatment of Suffragettes in prison, 1906



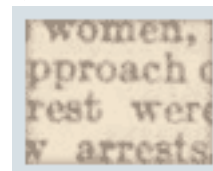
'The Trial of the Suffragette leaders', 1909



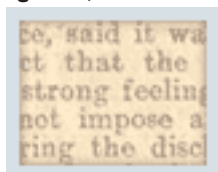
Rally for women's suffrage, London, 1910



Letter on women and the police, 1911



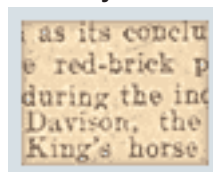
News reports on militant Suffragettes, 1914



Film showing death of Emily Davison, 1913



Report on inquest into death of Emily Davison



Cartoon on Suffragettes and police, 1913



Trial of men who attacked Suffragettes, 1914



Newsreels on the Suffragettes



HOW TO USE THE SOURCES IN THIS CASE STUDY :

You can use these case study sources in two ways:

THE BIG QUESTION

The sources in this case study can help you by providing information you can use in your presentation. Study each source carefully. Note down anything which tells you about:

- The impact of the Suffragettes on public opinion
- The impact of the Suffragettes on politicians
- The publicity gained by the Suffragettes
- The organisation of the Suffragettes

EXAM PRACTICE

If you want to get some practice on examination type questions, just go to or download the Practice Questions.

Don't forget – if there are words or phrases in the sources which you cannot understand, try the glossary!