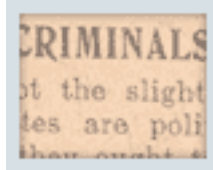


SOURCE 1

Extracts from *The Star* newspaper, 31 October 1906, on the treatment of Suffragettes in prison
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SOURCE 1A

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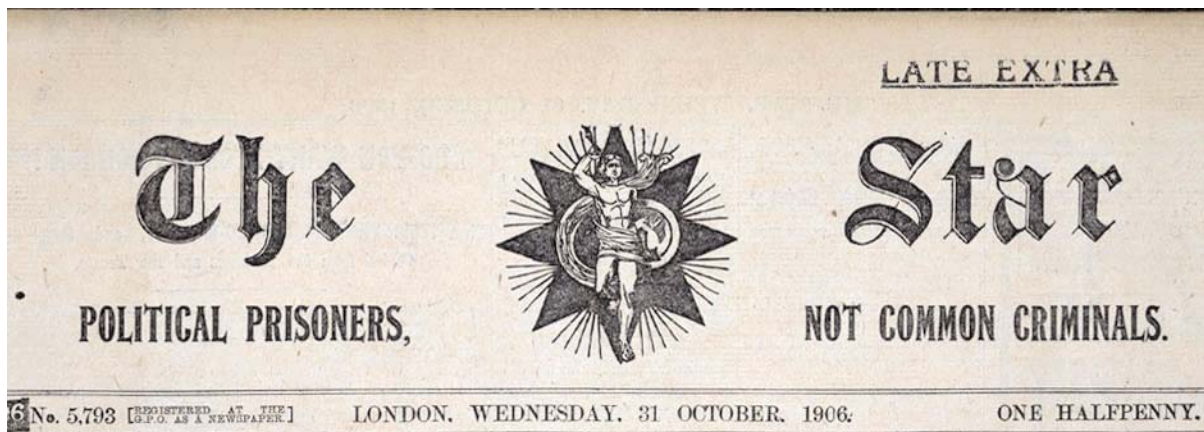
HOW TO USE THIS SOURCE TO HELP YOU ANSWER THE BIG QUESTION :

Look carefully at this source and consider what it tells you about how the Suffragettes helped to achieve the vote for women in 1918. You should consider:

ASK YOURSELF:

- What is the general attitude of *The Star* towards the women prisoners?
- What particular actions does it complain about?
- Why does *The Star* think the government's actions are unwise?

SOURCE 1A



WHAT WE THINK.

CRIMINALS?

There is not the slightest doubt that the Suffragettes are political prisoners, and as such they ought to be treated as first-class misdemeanants, and not as common criminals.

There can be no question as to either the impolicy or the injustice of treating these women as common criminals. The Jameson Raiders were guilty of a crime infinitely more grave, yet they were treated with the utmost courtesy and consideration. They were not denied the privileges of receiving letters from their friends. They were not asked to sleep on the plank bed and to live on a coarse and meagre prison diet.

From the point of view of the agitation in favor of Woman's Suffrage, the more martyrs are made the better for the cause. We know that the leaders of the movement do not want sympathy or pity; they want merely political enfranchisement. But that does not prevent us from protesting against the brutality and folly of treating these political reformers as criminals. We look to the Home Secretary to use his pen swiftly and sensibly.