



The Extension of Suffrage

virtual museum

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Welcome to.....

The history of Peterloo and how it changed the world forever allowing all women and men to be able to vote today. Today I will be telling you how this big part of history changed the world for everyone.



Let's begin the journey

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When it all began at peterloo



In 1832 the first women's suffrage bill came before parliament. In 1867 John Stuart Mill led the first parliament debate on women's suffrage, arguing for an amendment to the Second Reform Bill, which would have extended the vote to women property holders.

The women felt they were not being listened to. The protests escalated and the crowds grew.



As the Government continued to ignore the large crowds of protesters it aggravated the situation even more. The Government ordered assistance from Soldiers to help control the crowds, however their behaviour and the Governments made things worse and more and more protesters appeared.

There were many protest talks taking place and many group formed. one of which was the Manchester female reform society. It was soon realised that no one was going to listen that way. They then decided to take more serious action and more violent methods took place like slashing expensive paintings, chaining themselves outside Buckingham Palace. They even heckled MPs in the visitors gallery of the House of Commons.

Then in the first 7 months in 1914 they smashed windows in Downing street, buildings were torched and a bomb set off in Westminster Abbey.

Hunger strike !



Women were arrested for their crimes in prison. The women went on hunger strike in prison to get attention. They then tried to force feed them. Here are some names who were forced fed when on hunger strike that you may have heard of before; Emmeline Pankhurst, Sophia Duleep Singh, Sylvia Pankhurst, Emily Davison, Flora Drummond, Charlotte Despard. One of the women said "I was then surrounded and forced back onto the chair, which was tilted backward. There were about ten people around me. The doctor then forced my mouth so as to form a pouch, and held me while one of the wardresses poured some liquid from a spoon".

Mary Richardson



Mary Richardson went on an ordinary day to the art gallery. However she didn't go to admire the piece of art but to slashes through a painting called Rokeby Venus seven times before any guards could get her. Till this day no one knows the reason why she chose that picture, people could only guess.

She also was arrested and sent to prison. After the cat and mouse act people couldn't force feed anyone. The only option was by releasing them and re-arresting when they got stronger. Mary Richardson had the most hunger strikes out of everyone when the cat and mouse act came in to play.

World War 1 ?



In August 1914 all the drama was set aside. As World War 1 had begun. 6 million men had to go and fight in World War 1, which left their jobs needed to be filled. Women had to take over these jobs, even women were released from prison to help fill jobs , like cooks, nurses, making comfort packs, making ammo for the soldiers, engineers, front line medic's, making clothes and shoes, and making medical supplies to be sent over to help the anzacs.

After World War 1, the Government reformed the electoral system, allowing more men and women over 21 to vote.





THANK YOU FOR WATCHING!

Hope you enjoyed my presentation on a very important subject.

Still today we work towards treating everyone fairly and equally!