

## Votes for Women The history about it.

Hello. Over 100 years ago when the 1<sup>st</sup> world war began, women couldn't vote. A massive rebellion started to try get the prime minister to change the law but this would be very challenging. In 1919 all this happened:

You might think that there was only one group who wanted to get votes for women, well think again, there were loads of groups who wanted votes for women. ( they were all girls because the men disagreed ).

Back then, the men would have to go out fighting because this was during the time of the 1<sup>st</sup> world war. The women were left doing horrible things that the men should be doing. The men told the women what to do and sometimes left their wives because they didn't do a good enough job!

A girl called Emmeline Pankhurst was the leader of the group called the suffragettes. But she wasn't the only one in this group. Here are all the names of the people ( or girls) in this group: Christabel Pankhurst (daughter of emmeline), Constance Lytton (she was arrested and when she broke out she disguised herself as a boy), Emily Davison (she is famous for jumping in front of the kings horse and she was badly wounded or died we don't know), Edith Garrud (stood in front of a metal fence in front of police officers), Sylvia Pankhurst ( another of emmeline's daughters who took a different stand to her mothers), Ethel Smyth (she was took to prison and she did a song using a tooth brush) and finally Constance Markievicz who took the lead from emmeline when she died.

In 1920/1921 white women were finally able to vote. Yes I said white, black women were not but that didn't stop there, black women in America started campaigning to get the votes.

Next time you vote (if your 18 or over) you must think (if your a girl) that so many people campaigned to get you this chance. Don't forget that one of them suffragettes might of died for you.

