



## VOTES FOR WOMEN FREE ONLINE TEACHING RESOURCE



### Votes for Women: The First Mass Petition

A new interactive teaching resource from the UK Parliament Education Service

This free online resource for 11-14 year olds brings the campaign for women's suffrage to life. The resource explores the first mass petition for women's right to vote, now widely accepted amongst historians as the start of the organised campaign.

Students will follow the journey through video, audio, quizzes, and interactive activities. They'll start at the first mass petition in 1866 and end at the 1928 Representation of the People (Equal Franchise) Act, which gave women over the age of 21 the right to vote.

The resource incorporates key curriculum themes for **citizenship**. In particular, students will learn about the role of citizens in the development of our political system of democratic government; the operation of Parliament in law-making; and the significance of petitions in bringing about change.

Key curriculum themes for the teaching of **history** are also covered. The resource focuses on the original petition document to develop students' source analysis skills and provides context for learning about women's rights in 19<sup>th</sup> century Britain.

Downloadable worksheets for each region across the UK provide a local focus. Through these, students will learn more about suffrage campaigning and key women in their area.

- Explore the resource and download supporting worksheets - [www.teach1866petition.com](http://www.teach1866petition.com)
- Download teachers' notes and curriculum links – [www.parliament.uk/education/teaching-resources-lesson-plans/votes-for-women-1866](http://www.parliament.uk/education/teaching-resources-lesson-plans/votes-for-women-1866)



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