

Sources about the Suffragettes

Read the Sources and then complete the task below:

Source A: *From a newspaper report, 12 October 1909 on the force feeding of Suffragettes in prison.*

A full inquiry is to be held into the treatment of a Suffragette Laura Ainsworth who was force fed. She said 'I was forced into a seating position and a tube about 2 foot long was brought out. My mouth was opened with a steel instrument. I felt like I was going to choke and a gag was placed between my teeth to keep my mouth open.'

Source B: *From a newspaper report, 10 October 1903 about the start of a new women's group to get the vote for women.*

A number of women met in Manchester today to form a new militant movement to get the vote for women. Their motto is 'Deeds not words'. Their leader is Emmeline Pankhurst who said membership is only for women who are prepared to take action.

Source C: *From a newspaper article, 1 March 1912.*

Militant Suffragettes, many of them with stones and hammers hidden in their clothes, caused thousands of pounds worth of damage by smashing windows in the West End of London today.



Source D: *Emmeline Pankhurst being arrested outside Buckingham Palace after trying to give a petition to the King, 21 May 1914.*

Source E: *From a newspaper article, 14 June 1913*

Thousands of Suffragettes said a last sad farewell to the woman they see a their martyred heroine - Emily Davidson. She fell under the King's horse at the Derby ten days ago when she ran into the path of the horse and tried to seize its reins.

TASK - Write a timeline of these important events in the history of the Suffragettes by putting the events in the correct order and summarising the main points of the sources.

- Which source do you think is the most useful for someone studying the Suffragettes? Give a reason for your choice.