



Suffragette: The Battle for Equality

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This book is great for celebrating the 100th anniversary of the passing of the 19th amendment. It includes information about suffragettes in both the UK and the US and the illustrations capture the feelings of the movement and reflect this time in history.

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Before: Introduce the book and tell the children a little bit about it. Follow with a comment or question that is related to the story such as, *what do you think this story is about?* Encourage a discussion so the children can comment, ask questions, and express their feelings. Set the stage for listening by asking an “I wonder” statement based on the cover illustration.

I wonder where all those women are going?

During: Encourage the children to comment on the illustrations, ask questions and predict what will happen next in the story. Children gain confidence and a sense of achievement through being able to correctly predict how a story will end. Point out “rare words” (e.g., those words that are not commonly used in every day conversation) and help the children relate the meaning in a way that makes sense to them.

Rare Words

- Suffragette - a woman who fought for a woman's right to vote
- 19th Amendment - The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex
- equality - the quality or state of being equal; the quality or state of having the same rights, social status, etc.
- working-class - the class of people who earn money by usually doing physical work and who are not rich or powerful

After: Discuss the story. Ask questions...

- What were the suffragettes working together to achieve?
- How many years did it take women to reach their goal of earning full rights as citizens?
- What tactics did the women in the US and the UK use to share their messages?
- When did Alice Paul organize the first national suffrage parade in Washington, D.C.?
- What was the original strategy used by the US suffragists to get the vote?
- How did the US Suffragists ultimately decide what the best strategy would be?
- What were the Suffragists' weapons of choice? Where did they hide them?
- Do you think the battle is over for full equality today?



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Learn More!

Check out this video from The History Channel on the 19th Amendment.

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