Emmeline Pankhurst

15 July 1858 - 14 June 1928
British political activist and leader of the British suffragette movement

**Private life**
* born in Manchester to politically active parents
* 18 December 1879: married Richard Pankhurst, a barrister
* 5 children
  * husband supported women’s right to vote
  * daughter Christabel also very active in the movement

**Career:**
  * introduced at the age of 14 to the women’s suffrage movement
  * founded the Women’s Franchise League: advocated suffrage to both married and unmarried women
  * founded the Women’s Social and Political Union (1903) - often in opposition to political parties
    * group known for physical confrontations
  * After WW1, transformed the WSPU into the Women’s Party: dedicated to promoting women’s equality in public life

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**What to remember of the Suffragette movement?**

# Suffragettes = members of women’s organisations in the late 19th and early 20th century which advocated the extension of the right to vote to women
# leaders in GB = Emmeline and Christabel Pankhurst
# influenced by Russian methods of protest such as hunger strikes
# 1928: suffrage was extended to all women over 21