

# 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



## What to remember of the Suffragette movement?



# Suffragettes = members of women's organisations in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> 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