

Muriel Matters!

DVD Handout - Middle Years

1. Tick the correct details of Muriel's early life before she became involved in the women's movement in England from 1908.

Year Born

- 1877
- 1894
- 1923
- 1994

Birthplace

- Melbourne
- Adelaide
- Sydney
- Perth

Educational Focus

- Science
- Business
- Law
- Music/Elocution

Occupation

- Actress
- Sportswomen
- Scientist
- Gold prospector



Students at Miss Newman's school in Adelaide, South Australia.

2. Speed Round! Answer these questions about Muriel's adventures in one or two words...

What was one thing South Australian women could do in 1894 that women in England couldn't?

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What object in British Parliament did Muriel chain herself too?

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In England, what year did women receive the vote on the same terms as it was granted to men?

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What was the main thing Muriel didn't like about the 'Pankhurst group' (also called the WSPU)?

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Women protested for the vote using many different methods and tactics. Name at least one of them.

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① Did you know? The word 'suffrage' means 'the right to vote in political elections'... That's why women like Muriel were often referred to as either 'suffragists' or 'suffragettes' at the time.



Women's Freedom League badge

3. Circle below something used in the documentary to tell the story of Muriel Matters that is NOT a primary source.



Photographs from the period



Historical reenactments

Provide a reason for your choice/s:

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An audio recording of an elderly Muriel Matters in 1939



Artwork made by the women

ⓘ Remember: A primary source is a source of information (i.e. a document or artefact) created during the time period under investigation.

4. It's England, 1908 - you have to imagine you are on both sides of the women's suffrage debate...

Think of three reasons **IN FAVOUR** of granting women the vote.

1.....

2.....

3.....

Think of three reasons **AGAINST** granting women the vote.

1.....

2.....

3.....



Muriel Matters was one of a number of women working tirelessly to achieve the vote in the early twentieth century.



Herbert Asquith was Prime Minister of the United Kingdom from 1908 to 1916 and was, for a long time, reluctant to grant women the right to vote.