

Muriel Matters!

DVD Handout - Senior Years

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

Year Born:

Birthplace:

Occupation:

Education:



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 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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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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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. Analyse this primary source - what can it tell us?



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Details: A suffrage banner created in 1908 by the Victorian artist and suffragist, Dora Meeson Coates. It was carried by the Australian contingent of the London women's suffrage processions in 1908 and 1911. It's now on display outside of the Senate Chamber, Parliament House, Canberra.

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.

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

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5. Why did South Australia grant the vote to women so much earlier than England? When you are finished you may like to discuss your thoughts with another classmate.

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