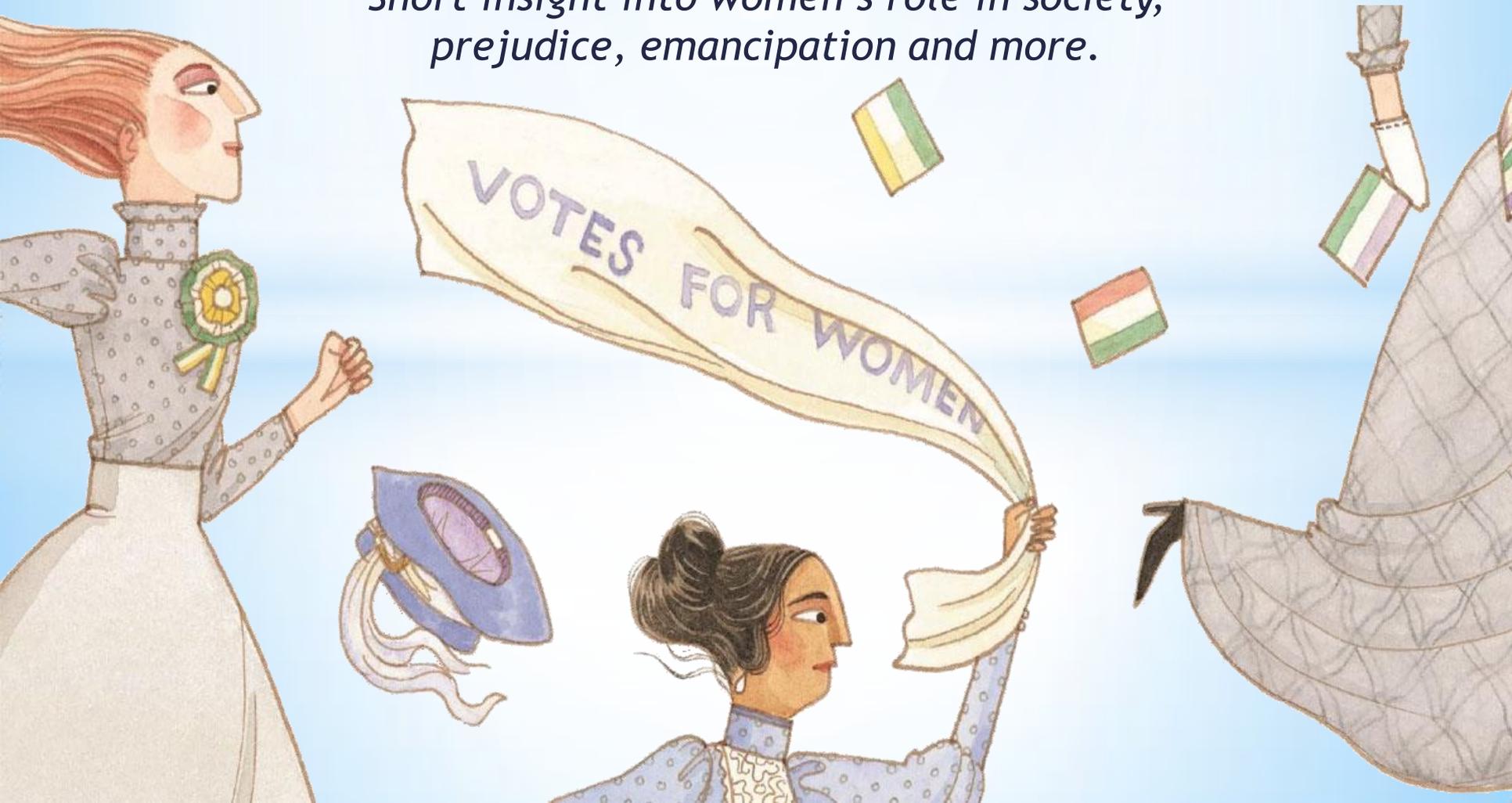




THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN

Short insight into women's role in society, prejudice, emancipation and more.



You are used to living in a world , where women have practically access to any occupation.

But it has not always been so!

You can even join the army, if you wish.



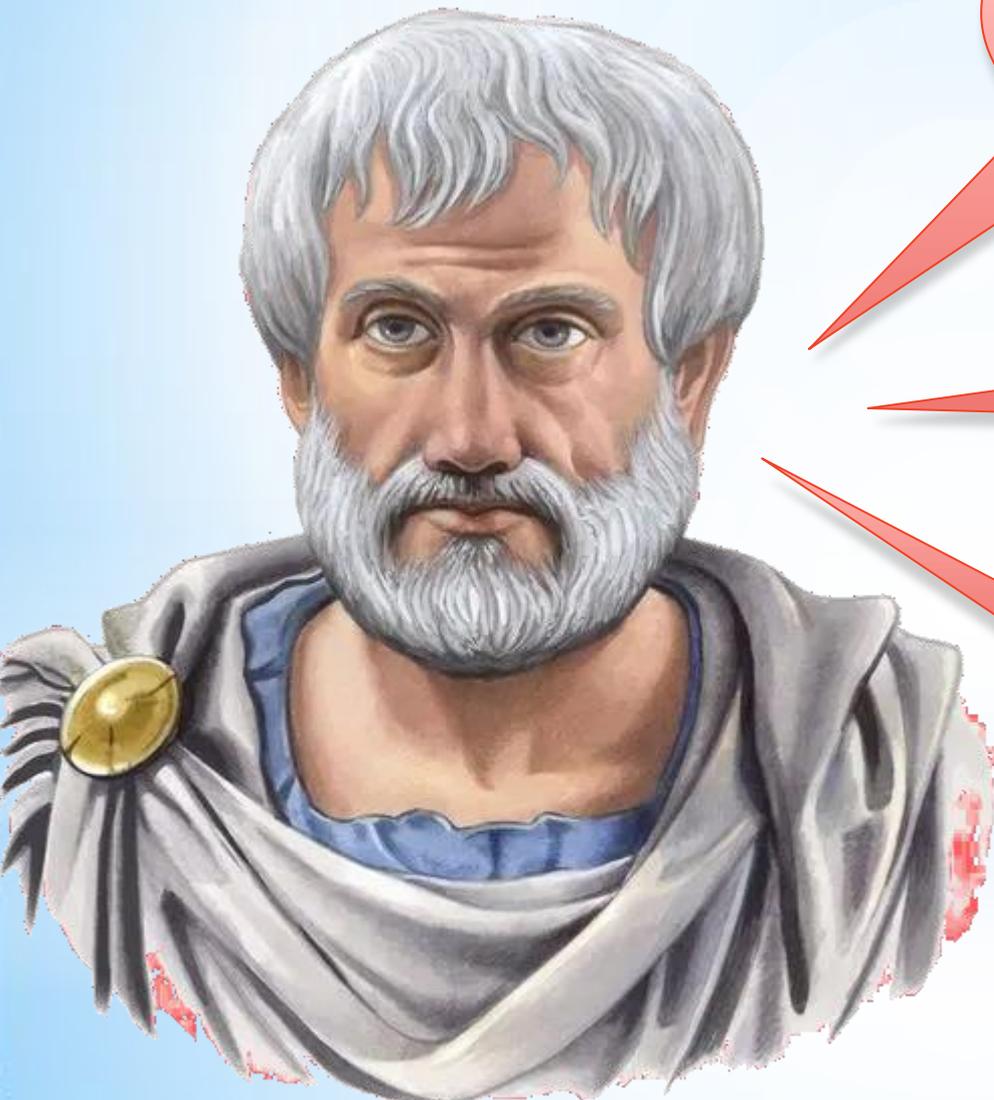


It has taken centuries and centuries to fight the idea that women were somewhat.....

And you know to whom are we indebted to this prejudice?

.....inferior.

To this man!



Aristotle

I don't care
about what
you think!

I firmly
believe, that
your world is
just a MESS!

A woman must
be guided by a
man. It is just
natural.

*The Chain of Being

According to Aristotle women were «naturally» inferior

Why?
Because of this!



- Man's role is to tell a woman what to do.

WHY?

Because it is God's plan,

Hence

The Patriarchal vision of society is **NATURAL**.

- That is why it was no scandal if men beat women.
- The Church eventually held the same view.





Women were supposed to be innocent and submissive....

...otherwise they would have been considered a threat.

Of course they had no access to the kind of education man could have. It was not necessary, since they had to look after the family.

"..any woman born with a great gift in the sixteenth century would certainly have gone crazed, shot herself, or ended her days in some lonely cottage outside the village, half witch, half wizard, feared and mocked at..."

"...a highly gifted girl who had tried to use her gift for poetry would have been so thwarted and hindered by other people, so tortured and pulled asunder by her own contrary instincts, that she must have lost her health and sanity to a certainty."



Virginia Woolf



Had Shakespeare had a sister as talented as he was, she would have never had the chance to express her talent.....

...or even develop it through intense studies.

Books and art were not for women, but there were a few exceptions...

I became
famous painter,
and I learnt just
watching my
father work!



Artemisia Gentileschi
1593 - 1656

An illustration of a woman in 18th-century attire, wearing a red dress with a yellow shawl and a white flower in her hair. She is holding a scroll. Two speech bubbles are connected to her by lines, one pointing to the top and one pointing to the bottom.

When we get to the 18^o century the word «education» still meant something different whether you were born man or woman.

For a woman being «educated» meant to be accomplished, that is: dancing, drawing, embroidering, playing an instrument etc.. In short, whatever was believed necessary to be «emancipated»!



Well, even the word
«emancipation»
meant something
«slightly» different
at that time.

A woman's
emancipation
consisted in leaving
her own family to
marry.

All those
accomplishments were
meant to catch a
husband.

Women are not naturally inferior to men, but it appears to be so only because they lack education.

This is what I wrote in my «Vindication of the Rights of Woman» in 1792!

“I do not wish them [women] to have power over men; but over themselves.” “My own sex, I hope, will excuse me, if I treat them like rational creatures, instead of flattering their fascinating graces, and viewing them as if they were in a state of perpetual childhood, unable to stand alone.”



Mary Wollstonecraft 1759 - 1797

An illustration of a woman in 18th-century attire, including a blue dress with long sleeves and a large blue bonnet adorned with pink roses. She is carrying a large, patterned trunk in her left hand and a round, patterned bundle on her back. The background is a light blue gradient.

Mary
Wollstonecraft
was right!

Women needed
to learn to
stand alone

Marriage was
but a «golden
cage»!

* MARRIED WOMEN'S PROPERTY ACT 1870

ALLOWED MARRIED WOMEN TO BE LEGAL OWNER OF THE MONEY THEY EARNED AND TO INHERIT PROPERTY.

Before 1870, once married:

- Any money made by a woman became the property of the husband with the exception of the dowry.
- She had no legal custody of her children.
- Women were not recognized to be a separate legal being.
- A woman had no longer the right to do anything with her property even if it was still legally hers.
- She could no sue or divorce

Of course,
there were
exceptions.

Guess what ! I
am regarded as
the first
programmer!

A woman!!



Ada Lovelace

* ADA LOVELACE

- Her education was mostly focused on Mathematics and Science.
- She was introduced to British inventor Charles Babbage and became close colleagues.
- Ada studied and translated Babbage's work about the Analytical engine to the public.
- Included a method for calculating a sequence of Bernoulli numbers using the Analytical Engine
- Based on this work, Lovelace is now considered by many to be the first computer programmer.



* OUTCOMES

- Ada's work with Babbage and the old analytic machine were rediscovered by Alan Turing
- The U.S. Department of Defence named its high-order computer programming language "Ada" in her honour.
- Every second Tuesday of October, Ada Lovelace Day is celebrated to honour women in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.



At the dawn of the
20th century we
were now ready to
fight for our
rights

During WW1
women had
replaced men
at work!

WOMEN'S
VOTE

So they had
learnt to
enjoy the
power of
independence
and real
emancipation!



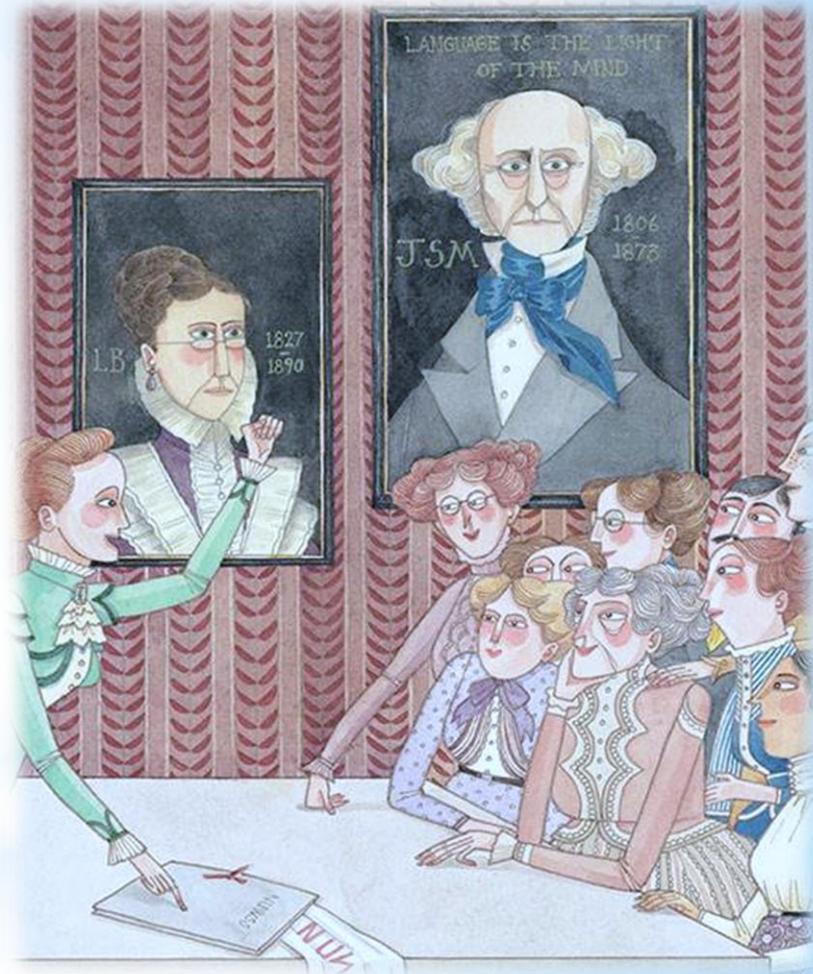


The Suffragettes

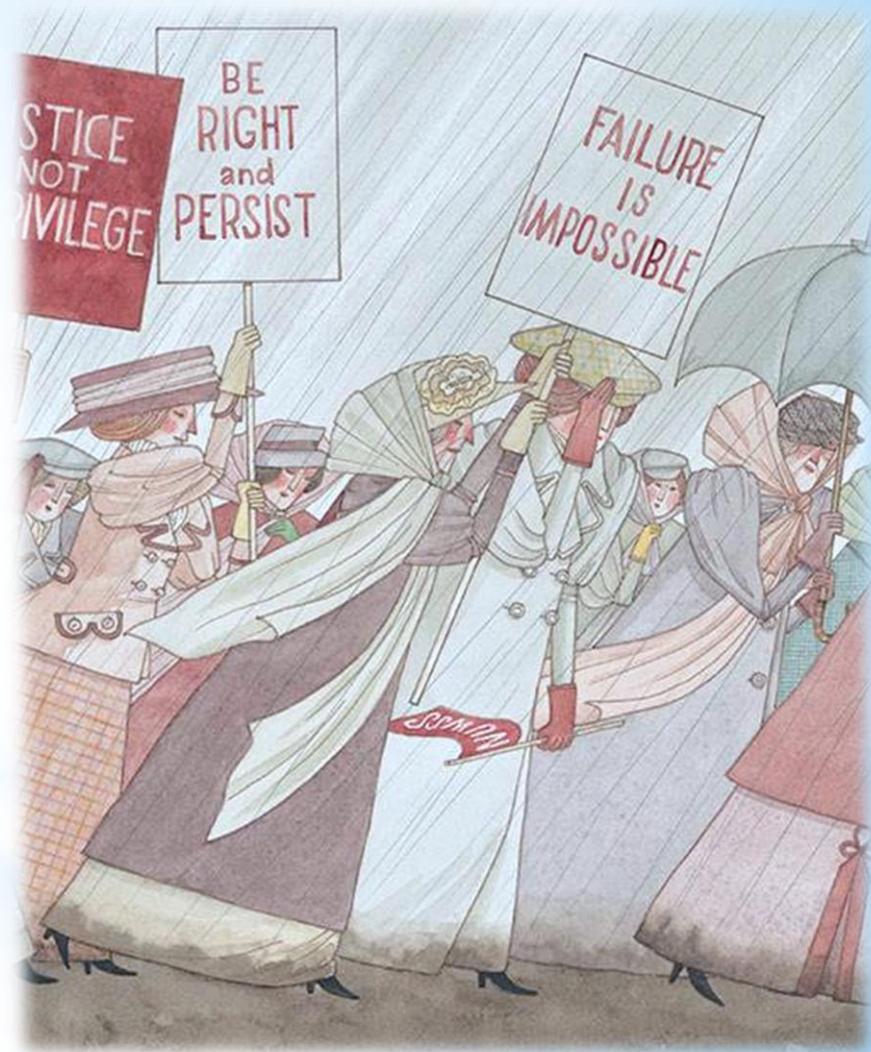
Millicent Garrett Fawcett

became an outstanding person in the campaign to win votes for women, and although she didn't much like public speaking (in fact it made her feel sick), **she gave many speeches, not only about votes for women, but also on education and the rights of working women.**

Millicent knew that if women gained the vote, it would be a stepping-stone towards changing many of the terrible ways they were being treated in the home and the workplace.'



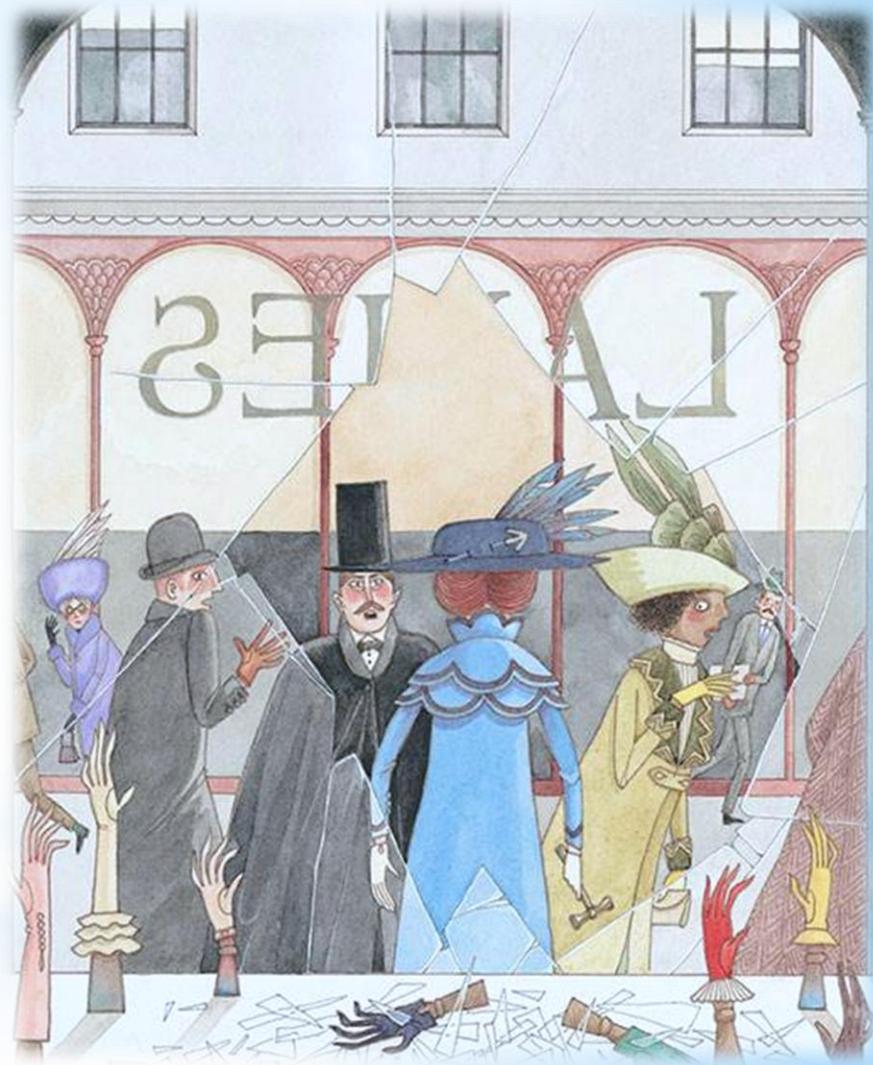
When the newspapers revealed the appalling conditions in which the match girls worked, the factory bosses tried to force the women to sign a statement saying the reports were nonsense and that in fact they were all having a lovely time at work. Some refused to sign, and when the leader of that group was sacked, **1,400 women and girls walked out on strike.** The strike lasted three weeks, but by the time the women returned to work, their demands for better working conditions were granted.'



'On 30 June 1908, two suffragettes, Mary Leigh and Edith New, went to Downing Street armed with stones. When they arrived at Number 10, they flung the stones at the windows, smashing and shattering the glass. Of course, they were both arrested, and were sent to Holloway Prison for two months. On their release from jail, Mary and Edith were treated as heroines by their fellow suffragettes, who met them at the prison gates and took them to a celebratory breakfast held in their honour.'



'On 1 March 1912 at precisely 5.30 in the afternoon, elegantly dressed ladies whipped out miniature toffee hammers from their muffs and handbags and proceeded to calmly smash shop windows in London. Up and down Oxford Street, Regent Street and the Strand came the piercing sound of metal hitting glass, followed by the angry shouts of shoppers and shopkeepers.'



When a large enough crowd had gathered to see what all the fuss was about, hundreds of 'Votes for Women' leaflets were let loose that fluttered down to the streets below.'





There are
no rights
with no
fight!

In England
women over
the age of 30
were allowed
to vote in
1918!

In France
in 1944
and in
Italy in
1946



Things started to change even for what concerns education.

From that moment on boys and girls started to get the same educational offer.

And that was truly a radical change!

The fact that you, boys and girls, are sitting in the same class together....

.. is the proof that you are now given the same chances, at last.

Think about how fortunate you are!



SUFFRAGISTS ON THE WAR PATH.



JUMP ON HIM,
HE IS ONLY A MERE MAN.