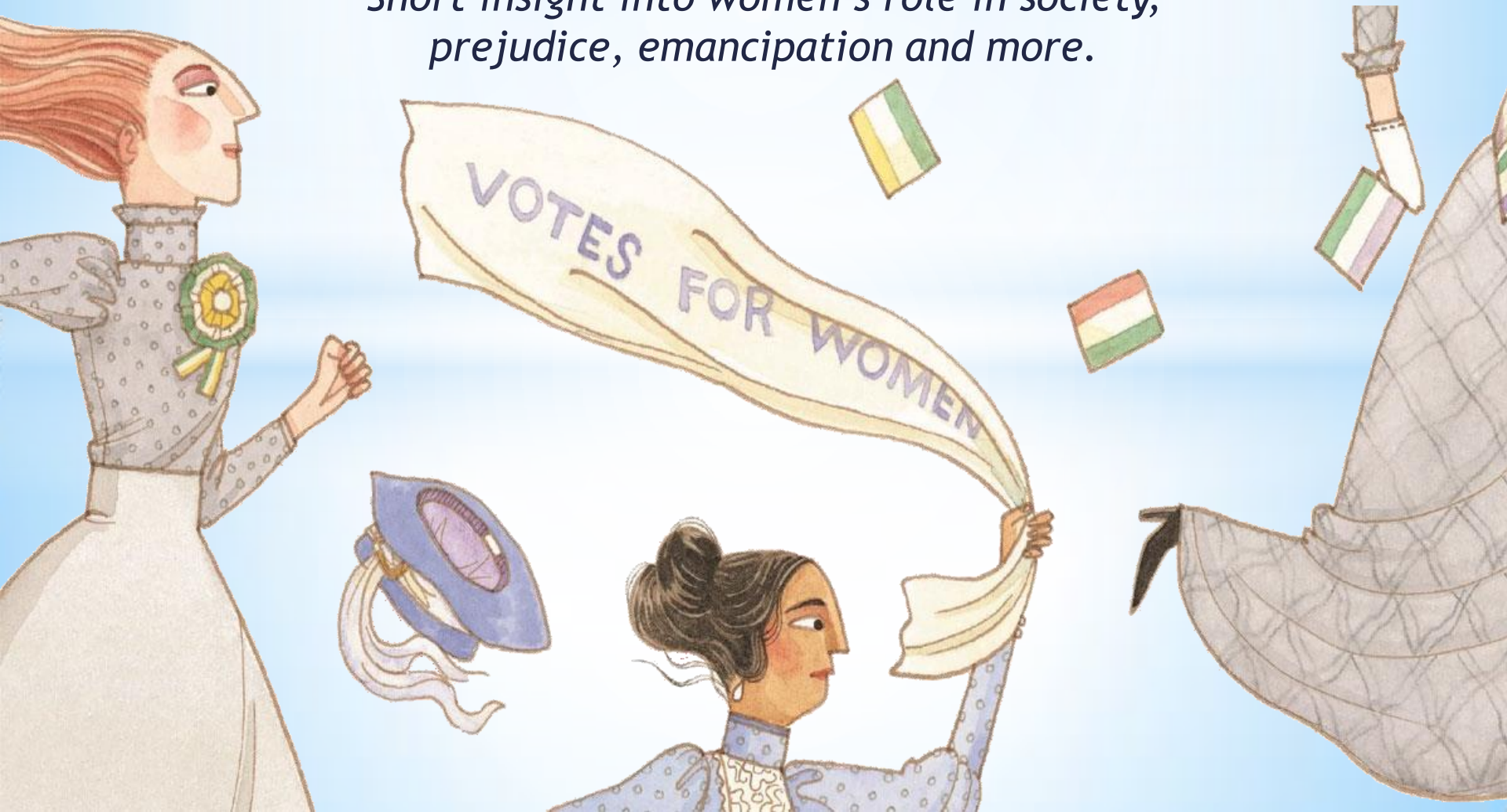




THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN

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.



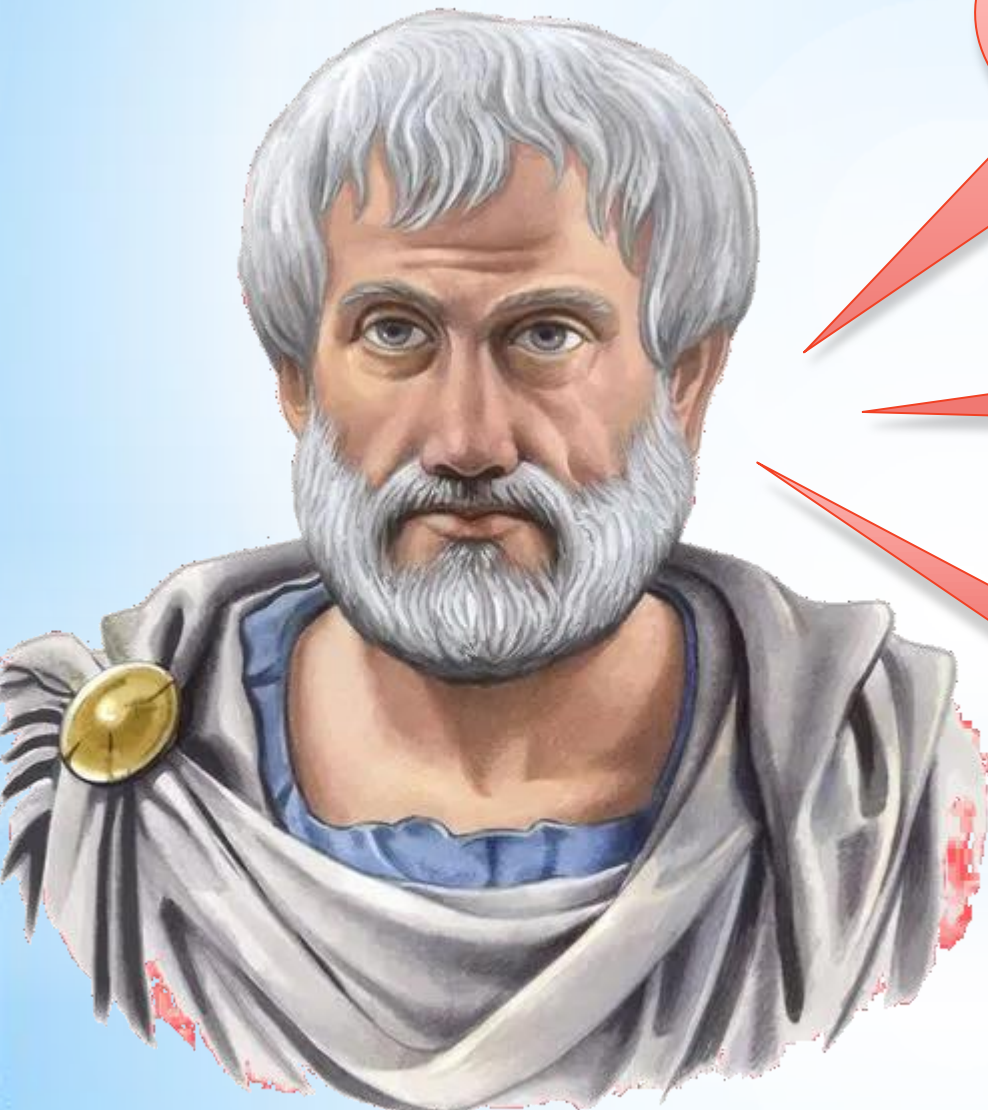
It has taken centuries and centuries to fight the idea that women were somewhat.....

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 Patriachal 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 cape and a white flower in her hair. She is holding a scroll. Two speech bubbles point towards her from the right.

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. She is wearing a light blue dress with long sleeves and a matching headscarf adorned with pink roses. She is carrying a large, brown, polka-dotted trunk in her left hand and a large, 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!

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

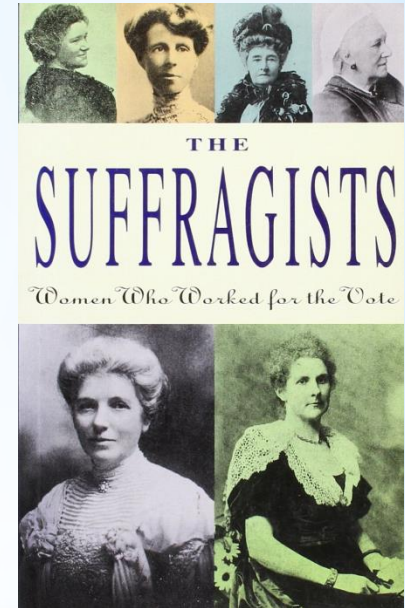




The Suffragettes

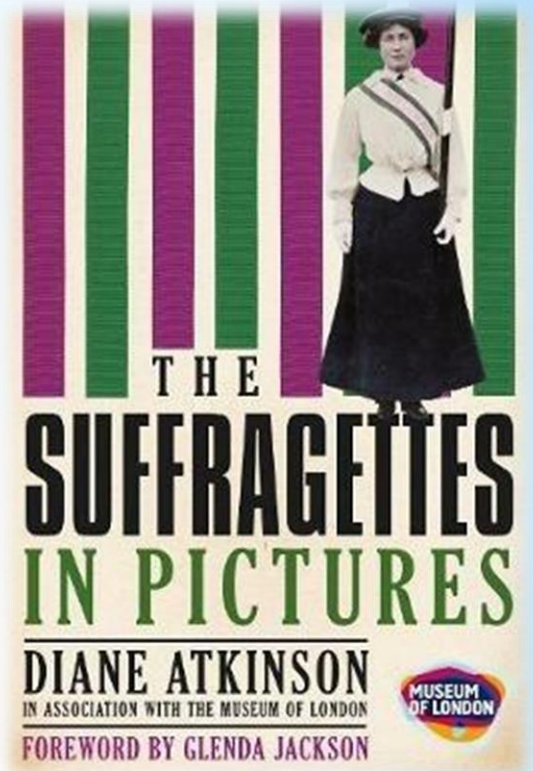
THE SUFFRAGISTS (peaceful)

- * Members of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies (NUWSS)
- * Led by Millicent Garrett Fawcett
- * Believed in peaceful protest
- * Wanted vote for middle-class property-owning women
- * Their goal should have been reached in Parliament, but a bill never passed



SUFFRAGETTE (violent)

- * Originally suffragette was a sexist insult
- * Coined in January 1906 by the Daily Mail to:
 1. Belittle
 2. Mockthe demonstrators' efforts.
- * British women pronounced the term “suffragette” with a hard -g:
Suffra-get



TOGETHER

- * Disappointed suffragists joined the suffragettes
- * The campaign for the vote became more violent and more aggressive tactics were employed:
 1. breaking windows
 2. planting bombs
 3. handcuffing themselves to railings
 4. hunger strikes
- * In 1906 a liberal government was elected , but Prime Minister Herbert Asquith turned out to be a strong anti-suffragist



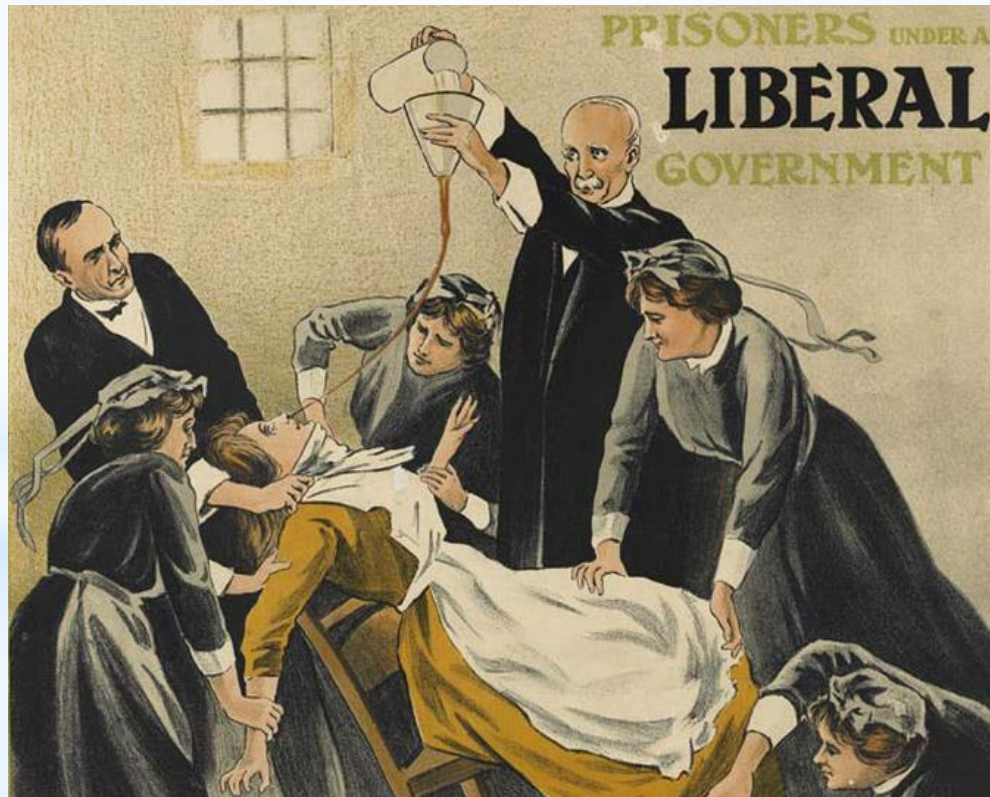
THE MARCH

- * On Sunday, June 21 st at Hyde Park, 250,000 people gathered shouting : "*Votes for Women*"
- * The huge march did not move Asquith a bit to grant a suffrage bill



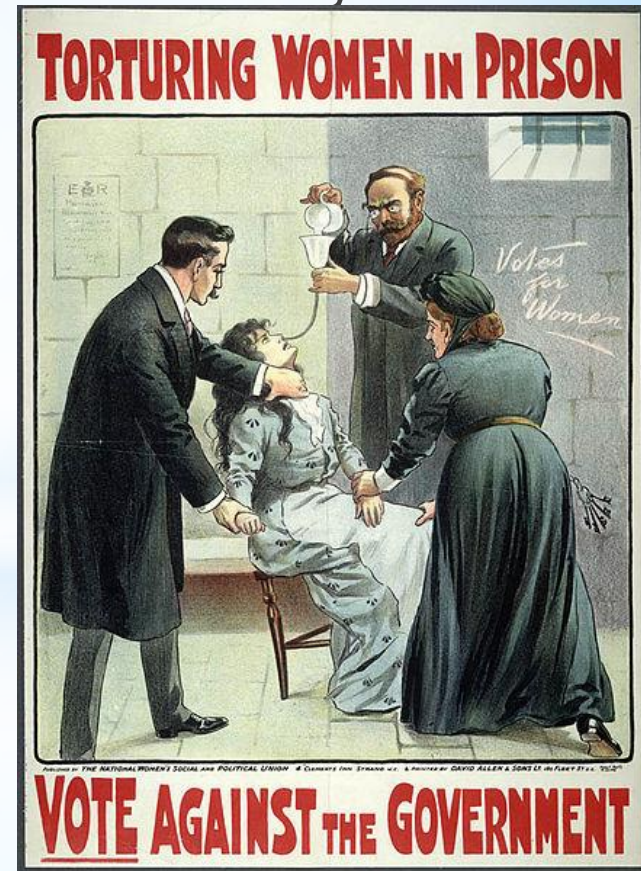
HUNGER STRIKES

- * Many Suffragettes were arrested for law-breaking and went to prison
- * They went on a hunger strike as a form of protest, but they were force-fed



CAT AND MOUSE ACT

- ❖ To prevent from dying in prison Parliament passed “Cat and Mouse” Act
- ❖ Hunger-strikers were temporarily released until they recovered
- ❖ To be re-arrested and locked up again
- ❖ This situation could not be endured for long



THE SUFFRAGETTES AND WW1

* Emmeline Pankhurst and Millicent Fawcett stopped campaigning encouraged women to join the war in the spirit of national unity

* WWI changed women's role in society

* Before WWI WOMEN:

1. stay at home
2. cook
3. do the housework
4. raise children

* Then WOMEN:

1. Go to war
2. Work!
3. Do essential jobs
4. Keep the country running



*THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACT

* In 1918 “the Representation of the People Act” passed

* It granted the right to vote to women who:

1. Were over the age of 30
2. Owned properties
3. Were married with someone who owned properties



* 8.4 million women could vote

* On 2 July 1928 all women over the age of 21 could vote



There are
no rights
with no
fight!

Women were
allowed to vote
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!



An illustration featuring a central blonde woman with a teal top, looking forward. Below her is a row of seven women in profile, facing right, with various ethnicities and styles: a woman with red hair and yellow earrings, a woman with black hair, a woman wearing a pink hijab, a woman with dark skin and black hair, a woman with dark skin and black hair, a woman with blonde hair, and a woman with dark skin and a gold hoop earring. Three orange speech bubbles are positioned around the blonde woman, containing text.

But your good
«fortune»
won't last
forever.....

...if you don't
preserve it.

Any conquered
right must be
preserved,
otherwise.....

1974



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SUFFRAGISTS ON THE WAR PATH.



JUMP ON HIM,
HE IS ONLY A MERE MAN.