

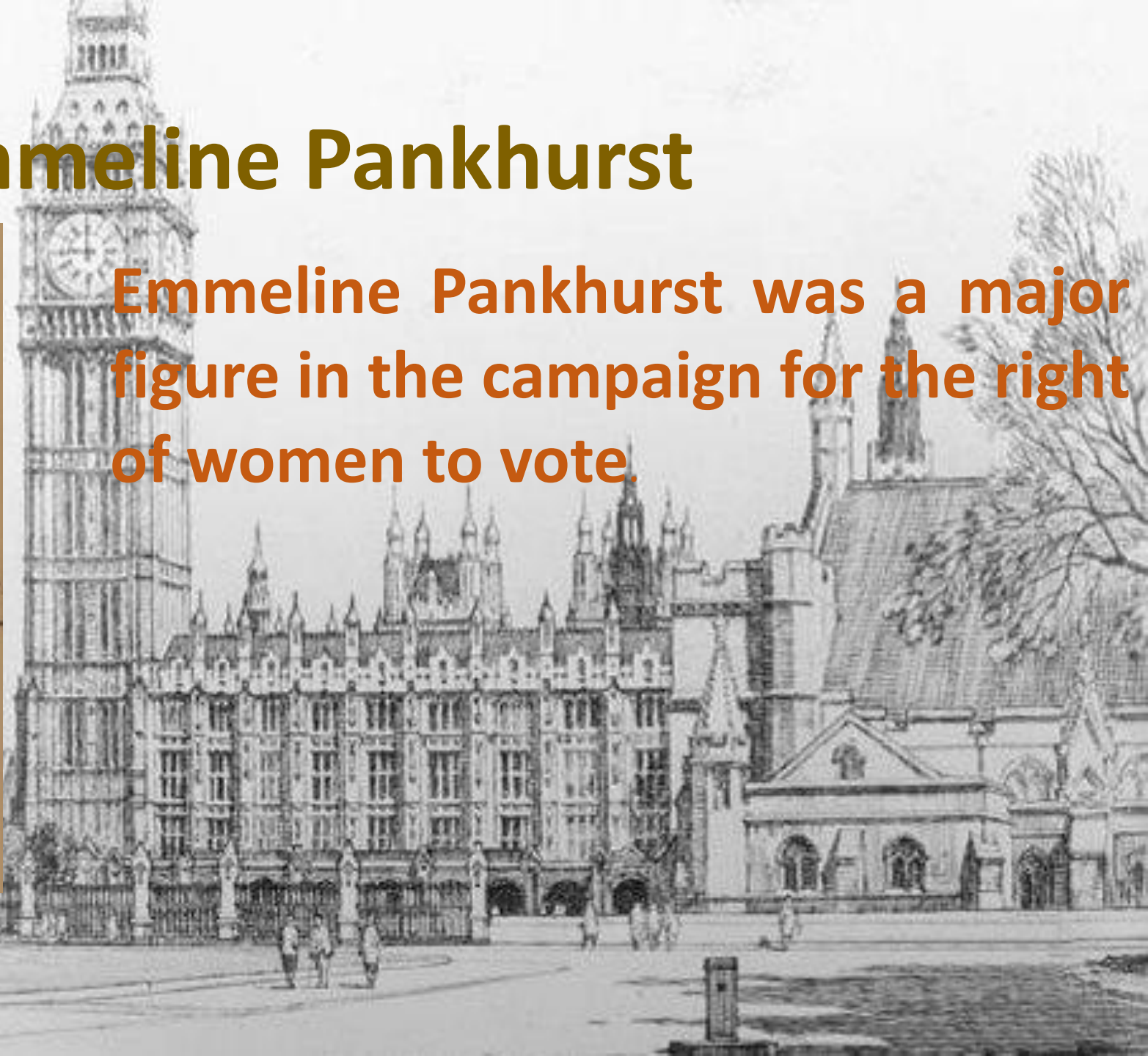
Women rights



1903 - rise of Emmeline Pankhurst



Emmeline Pankhurst was a major figure in the campaign for the right of women to vote.



1906 - fighting for women rights



There had been calls for women to have the right to vote before, but at the start of the 20th Century they began to be taken more seriously.

1908 - the rush on parliament

When a bill to give women the vote was defeated, the suffragettes decided to "rush" Parliament



1914 - First World War

The "Great War" was unlike any war before it. The whole country was involved – all able men had to join the army, and women took their jobs. Millions of soldiers died, and the country was never the same again.



1918 – tripling the number of voters.

Sometimes called the "Fourth Reform Act", the 1918 Representation of the People Act made radical changes to the electoral system – and finally gave votes to women over the age of 30 and all men over the age of 21.



1919 - Nancy Astor takes her seat



On 1 December 1919, Nancy Astor became the first woman MP to take her seat in the House of Commons.



1928 – equal voting rights for women



Sometimes known as the "Fifth Reform Act", the 1928 Equal Franchise Act finally gave women the same voting rights as men. Until this time women could not vote until they reached 30. This new law meant both men and women over 21 years old could vote.

1969 - votes at 18

In 1969 the age at which men and women could vote was lowered from 21 to 18



1979 - Margaret Thatcher becomes first female Prime Minister



2016 - Theresa Mary May



Theresa Mary May - is the head of Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom. The prime minister (informal abbreviation: PM) and Cabinet (consisting of all the most senior ministers, most of whom are government department heads) are collectively accountable for their policies and actions to the Monarch, to Parliament, to their political party and ultimately to the electorate. The office is one of the Great Offices of State. The current prime minister, Theresa May, leader of the Conservative Party, was appointed by the Queen on 13 July 2016.

