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OUR WORLD

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THIS WEEK

- WE WILL BE LOOKING AT HOW 100 YEARS AGO, A GROUP OF WOMEN HELPED TO CHANGE THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN IN BRITAIN FOR EVER. THIS WAS CELEBRATED IN MANCHESTER, THE BIRTHPLACE OF THE CAMPAIGN.
- WHERE IS MANCHESTER?

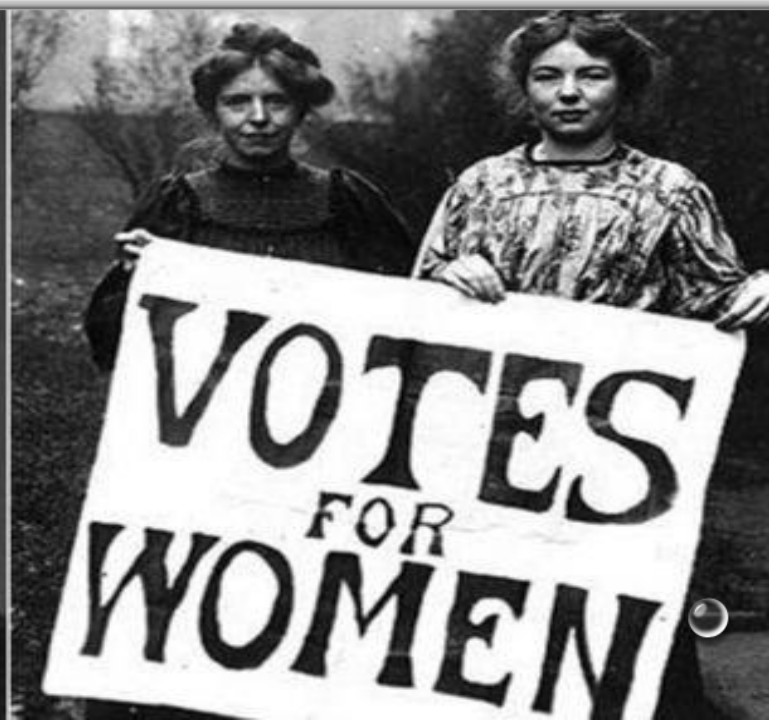


A MAP TO
SHOW WHERE
MANCHESTER IS
IN ENGLAND

SUFFRAGETTE STATUES MARK 100 YEARS OF WOMEN'S FIRST VOTE

Women have fought for many years to have the same rights as men. But it was only in the last 100 years that real change started to happen in the UK. The biggest of these changes was in 1918 when some women first got the right to vote in England. The law changed on 14 December 1918, when women had their first opportunity to vote and to put themselves forward as a politician in a general election to choose a government for the UK. Suffragettes played a huge part in these changes.

Last Friday, to mark 100 years, statues of leading suffragettes Emmeline Pankhurst and Annie Kenney were unveiled in their home towns. Pankhurst's statue was unveiled in Manchester - the birthplace of the campaign - by her great-granddaughter. Born in 1858 to a family of campaigners, Pankhurst helped found the Women's Social and Political Union in 1903, which called for the right for women to vote. This changed the long-standing injustices for women.



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