

DESIGN YOUR OWN SUFFRAGETTE BADGE

AIM:

The aim of this activity is to help you learn more about the Suffragettes by creating your own badge. One of the more popular forms of suffrage artifacts.

Suffragettes were members of women's organisations in the late-19th and early-20th centuries, which advocated the extension of the "franchise", or the right to vote in public elections, to women.

From 1908, the WSPU (Women's Social & Political Union) adopted the colour scheme of violet, white and green: purple symbolised dignity, white purity, and green hope. These three colours were used not only for badges, but also for banners, flags, sashes and rosettes, and appeared in newspaper cartoons and postcards. They would also carry heart shaped vesta cases.

Statuettes, badges, scarves and trimmings were made available for anyone who wanted a memento of the movement.

TIME:

15 minutes

EQUIPMENT:

- Suffrage badge examples (Appendix C)
- Blank Rosette design (Appendix D)
- Pens and paper

METHOD:

- As an individual, unit or other grouping of your choice, design your own suffragette badge.

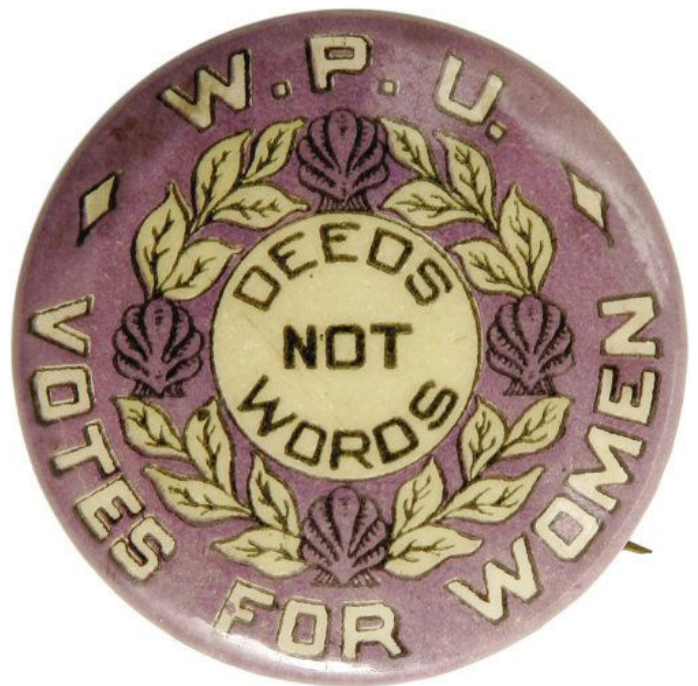
TIP: SOME EXAMPLES CAN BE FOUND IN APPENDIX D, BUT WHY NOT RESEARCH SOME OTHER EXAMPLES TOO, TO ENSURE YOUR BADGE IS AN ACCURATE REPRESENTATION OF WHAT THE SUFFRAGETTE MOVEMENT WOULD HAVE PRODUCED?

TAKING IT FURTHER:

- Why not turn your badge design into reality and create it using a range of decorative and craft materials? You could wear your badge to school to show your support for the Suffragette movement.



APPENDIX C - SUFFRAGE BADGE EXAMPLES



APPENDIX D - DESIGN YOUR OWN SUFFRAGETTE BADGE

