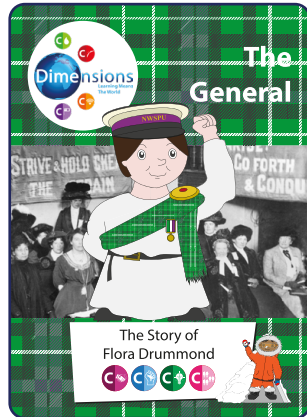


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Overview

"The General" is a competency-based thematic unit with a history focus, telling the inspirational story of Flora Drummond.

She is famous for her bravery in standing up for women's rights and for her commitment to women's suffrage.

Pupils will learn, through her life story, all about her achievements and ongoing legacy.

Who?

Who was Flora Drummond?

- Flora Drummond felt that the treatment of women in the 1900s was very unfair. At the time, women were seen as weaker than men. She fought for the law to be changed so that women had the right to vote and have a say in how the country was run. She was also upset that women were paid lower wages than men and fought for equal pay.



When?

When did Flora Drummond live?

- Flora Drummond was born in Manchester in 1878 and brought up in Scotland. She died in 1949.

Why?

Why is Flora Drummond famous?

- Flora Drummond is famous for her role in the suffrage movement, organising demonstrations and championing votes for women. She joined with famous suffragette, Emmeline Pankhurst, and her daughter, Christabel, in 1917 and they formed the Women's Party. As a leader of this group, she campaigned for equal pay for equal work and maternity benefits for women.

What?

What was the suffragette movement?

- In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, many women started to campaign for women's rights. The focus of their attention was the right to vote. This became known as the suffrage movement.
- Emmeline Pankhurst was a well-known supporter of women's suffrage.
- Another famous name was Emily Davison, a suffragette who was fatally injured at the Epsom racecourse in 1913, by throwing herself under the hooves of the king's horse.
- There are still many countries today where women lack basic rights that we take for granted.



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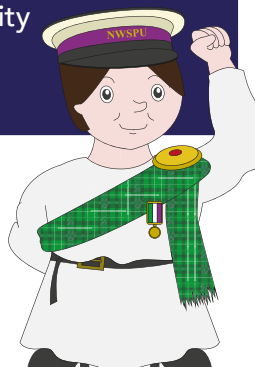
What inspired Flora Drummond?

- After training at a civil service school in Glasgow, Flora was very upset that the law was suddenly changed and she was unable to become a post mistress, due to her height. Flora was outraged and felt the rule did not consider that women are often shorter than men. Her height would have nothing to do with how well she would do the job. This injustice was the beginning of her desire to change women's rights.



Knowledge and Understanding

- To know and be able to retell the life story of Flora Drummond
- To know what the main achievements of Flora Drummond were
- To understand the contribution Flora Drummond made to the suffragette movement
- To understand the way in which the past impacts on the present
- To understand the importance of courage, commitment, creativity and community



Vocabulary

Campaign: an organized course of action to achieve a goal

Demonstration: an occasion when a group of people march or stand together to show that they disagree with or support something or someone

Discrimination: the unfair treatment of different categories of people, especially because of their race, age, sex or disability

Equality: ensuring that every individual has the same opportunity to make the most of their life and talents

High-ranking: having a senior or important position

House of Commons: part of Parliament, the place where laws are made and passed in the United Kingdom

Hunger strike: refusal to eat, carried out as a protest by a prisoner

Military: relating to or characteristic of soldiers or armed forces

Organisation: a group of people who work together

Protest: show that you disagree with something by standing somewhere, shouting, carrying signs

Rights: rules about what a person is allowed to do or have

Suffrage: the right to vote

Suffragette: a woman seeking the right to vote through organized protest