

TASK 1: “Women gained the vote in 1918 because of their work during the First World War.” How far do the sources support this statement?

Source 1 – Jobs women did in 1914 and 1918

Area of work	1914	1918
Munitions	212,000	947,000
Transport	18,200	117,200
Agriculture	190,000	228,000
Government and teaching	262,200	460,200
Industry	2,178,600	2,970,600
Domestic service	1,658,000	1,250,000

Source 2

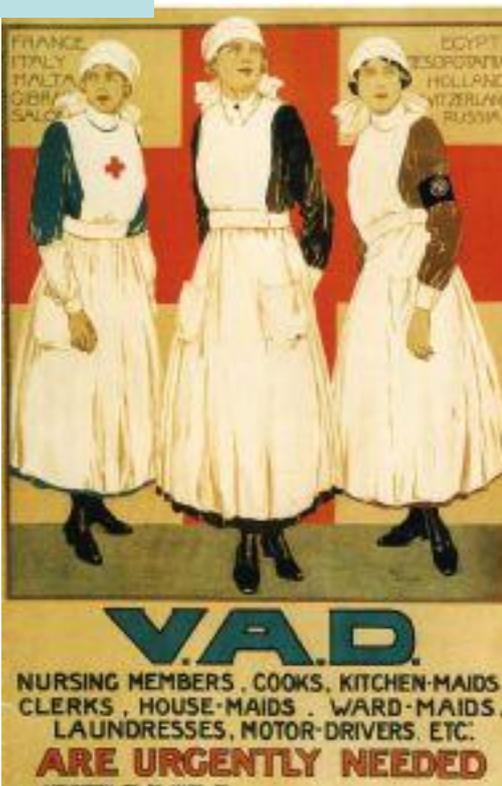
‘Had there been no violence from the Suffragettes and no war, women would have gained the vote, although more slowly. But without the faithful preparation of the ground over many years by Millicent Fawcett and her colleagues, neither militancy [violence] nor the war could have achieved the vote.’

Obituary in the Guardian newspaper for Millicent Fawcett, a Suffragist

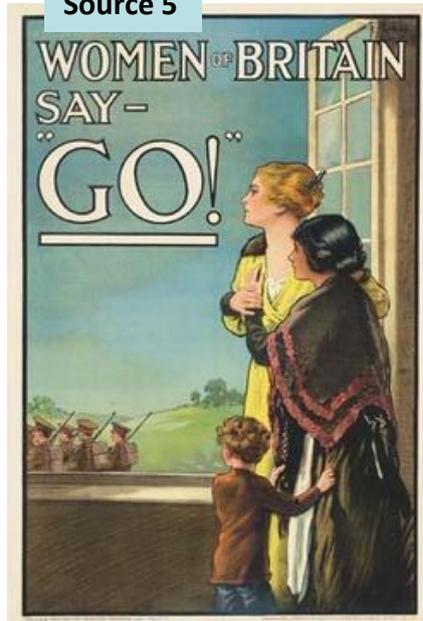
Source 3

‘It would have been utterly impossible for us to have won the war had it not been for the skill, enthusiasm and industry which the women of this country have thrown into the war.’ *Lloyd George (the Prime Minister), 1918*

Source 4



Source 5



Source 6

My opposition to women’s right to vote is well known. However, for three years now the suffragettes have not started that horrible campaign of violence. Not only that, they have contributed to every service during this war except that of fighting. I therefore believe that some kind of women’s suffrage should be given.

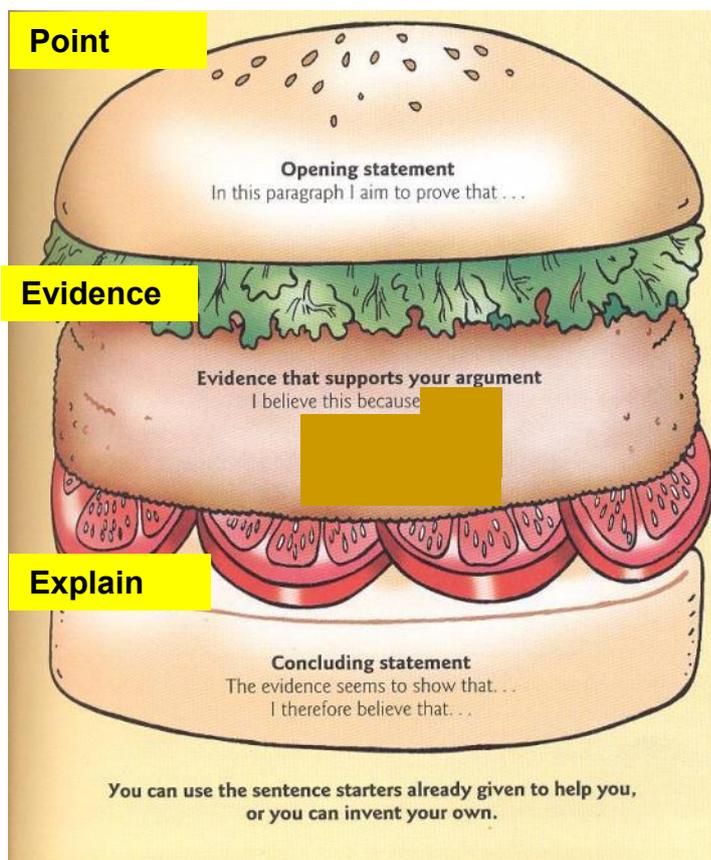
A speech by Herbert Asquith, 1917

Source 7

'In 1918, the vote was granted to women aged over 30 years. This can be explained partly as the result of a fifty-year campaign, beginning with John Stuart Mill. Yet never was that campaign more popular than it was when Emmeline Pankhurst was leading it.'

Adapted from a history book in 1995

TASK 2: Answer the enquiry question ('why did women get the vote in 1918') by writing a Point-Evidence-Explain paragraph. You may like to use these sentence starters.



POINT:

The most important reason why women won the vote in 1918 was ...

EVIDENCE:

For example, the...
Another contribution was...
In addition...
A final reason is...

EXPLAIN:

Therefore, the most important reason why women won the vote was...

Challenge Box: Use quotes from the sources to support your ideas.