

WOMEN'S RUGBY: A BRIEF HISTORY



KS3/4 Learning objectives:

- To use the history of women's rugby to illustrate women's suffrage in the 20th century

National Curriculum links:

- KS3/4 Britain, Europe and the wider world 1901 to the present day, looking at women's suffrage and the First World War
- GCSE AQA BB module Britain: Power and the people: c1170 to the present day, Part four: Equality and rights



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Rugby

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Lesson plan

3 minutes – (starter activity) Present the class with the word 'rugby' and get students to think about what they associate with the word. Is there any gender bias in the language/examples used?

5 minutes— Play the *Women's Rugby: a brief history* video.

10-15 minutes—Use the KS3-4 *Women's Rugby: a brief history* PowerPoint to inform discussions about the video and wider social context of women's rights.

10-15 minutes—Give students the *Women Playing Rugby in the Early Twentieth Century* resource. Allow students to read and answer the comprehension questions. Feedback as a class to learn about how World War I was a catalyst to the changing role of women in society through work and on the pitch.

15-20 minutes—Give students the *Primary sources—women's rugby: a brief history* resource. Using the prompt questions, what can the students infer about the position of women in society and women's suffrage?

3 minutes—(plenary) 'What have you learnt about the position of women in society during the 20th century?' Students to provide bullet point responses to this question.