

LESSON PLAN:

WHY DO PEOPLE PROTEST?



OVERVIEW:

This lesson introduces students to protest, exploring the Peterloo Massacre as a case study. Students will look at the 200 year history of campaigns for suffrage and explore the events that led to the Peterloo Massacre.

Along with the slide decks and worksheets we have created a bank of campaign and protest case studies that can be used throughout where appropriate.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- To explore why people protest
- To understand what happened at the Peterloo Massacre

SUITABLE FOR:

Age 11-14

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS:

- Case studies slide deck

RESOURCES:

- Slide deck
- Worksheets
- Peterloo1819.co.uk website

KEY ACTIVITIES:

There are a range of activities in the slide deck. The ones below are those that require external resources.

Activity one (slide 5) - The road to reform

Using the worksheet ask the students to match up the significant dates, times and events that led to changes to the franchise in the last 200 years.

Activity two (slide 10) -Where was St Peter's Field?

Using Google Maps ask the students to identify how long it would have taken for them to get to Peterloo.

Activity three (slide 14) - #MyPeterloo (optional)

Ask students to identify one issue that they think is really important and would campaign on today. Using the sheets ask them to tweet, or write to their MP or councillor about the issue.