

WHEN WERE THE AIMS ACHIEVED?

Aims:

- **Election by ballot**
- **Annual parliaments**
- **And most importantly, to be able to vote - universal suffrage**

Look at the key milestones of reform and work out when their aims were achieved.

1832. Great Reform Act.

Manchester & many large towns get MPs for the first time, 'rotten boroughs' lose theirs, and standard voting qualifications introduced. Number of voters up by 50% to 650,000, all male.

1867. Second Reform Act.

Adult male heads of wealthier households get the vote. Electorate up to 2.3 million men.

1872. Secret ballot introduced.

The second of the demands of the reformers of 1819 to be granted.

1884. Third Reform Act.

All adult male householders get the vote. Electorate up now 60% of adult males.

1918. Representation of the People Act.

Nearly all adult males get the vote, together with women over 30 years of age and all married women.

1928. Votes for women.

All adult women get the vote on the same basis as men.

1968. Voting age reduced from 21 to 18,
along with the age of majority (adulthood).