The Road to the Vote

IRELAND

1832 - 25 Irish women sign the petition to Parliament
1866 - North of Ireland Society for Women's Suffrage established in Belfast
1867 - Isabella Tod
1872 - Thomas and Anna Haslam
1876 - Dublin Women's Suffrage Association established
1884 - The first women graduate from an Irish university
1898 - Irish Women's Franchise League established
1903 - The Home Rule Bill introduced without including votes for women - militant campaign begins
1908 - Countess de Markievicz becomes first woman elected to House of Commons
1910 - Proclamation of the Irish Republic specifically includes Irish women
1912 - Cumann na mBan established
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1914 - Countess de Markievicz
1916 - Black Friday - hundreds of women are injured when police attack a march on Parliament
1918 - First World War begins

1918 - Representation of the People Act enfranchises women aged at least 30 who own property

BRITAIN

1832 - Great Reform Act restricts parliamentary vote to "male persons"
1866 - John Stuart Mill MP
1867 - John Stuart Mill presents petition to Parliament asking for votes for women
1872 - Second Reform Act increases electorate but continues to exclude women
1876 - Local Government (Ireland) Act allows women to vote and run in district council elections
1884 - Third Reform Act increases electorate but continues to exclude women
1898 - Women's Social and Political Union is established - militant campaign begins
1903 - Emmeline Pankhurst
1908 - Herbert Asquith becomes Prime Minister
1910 - Prisoners (Temporary Discharge for Ill-health) Act, called the Cat and Mouse Act, introduced to tackle female hunger strikers
1912 - Herbert Asquith becomes Prime Minister
1913 - English suffragettes follow Asquith on his visit to Dublin and are imprisoned for acts of violence
1914 - Parliament (Qualification of Women) Act permits women to stand for election
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