

History is learning about things that have happened in the past.

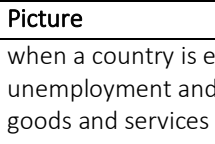
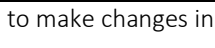
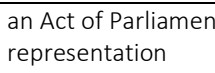



Facts I know

- The British Empire describes all the places around the world that were once ruled by Britain from the 1400s to 1900s.
- The Empire helped to fund the Industrial Revolution, but it has also left a legacy of racist attitudes and prejudices in Britain today.
- In 1931, the British Empire was replaced by the Commonwealth. All 54 member countries have shared values to respect human rights, work towards world peace and trade fairly.

Facts I will learn

- At the start of the 19th Century following the end of the Napoleonic wars, high unemployment, harvest failure, and the introduction of the Corn Laws led to high prices and an **economic slump**.
- In the winter of 1816-17, petitions made to the Houses of **Parliament** asking for voting **reform** were rejected. The largest of these was from Manchester, with over 30,000 signatures.
- In August 1819, Manchester Patriotic Union, organised a protest to convince the Government to change their mind. 17 people were killed and several hundred were injured when the protesting, unarmed crowd was charged at by the authorities. The event was labelled the ‘Peterloo massacre’. Immediately after this, the Government passed the Six Acts to stop radical groups and organisations protesting for reform.
- The **Great Reform Act** introduced major changes to the electoral system in England and Wales, including greater representation for cities and voting rights for small landowners, farmers, shopkeepers and house owners.
- Emmeline Pankhurst, a political **activist** born in Moss Side, campaigned for women’s **suffrage**. She founded the Women’s Social and Political Union in 1903 to get voting rights for both married and unmarried women.
- In 1918, the Representation of the People Act gave the right to vote to all men over 21 and all women over 30. In 1928, the Equal Franchise Act extended the right to vote to all women over 21.

Vocabulary

Word	Picture	What it means
an economic slump		when a country is experiencing high levels of unemployment and is not producing/selling enough goods and services to make money
reform		to make changes in order to improve something
The Great Reform Act		an Act of Parliament passed to reform voting rights and representation
Parliament		an assembly of political representatives
suffrage		the right to vote in political elections
an activist		a person who campaigns to bring about political or social change

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