World War One - racecourse - husband - complained - Parliament - horse - London - son - violence - less - militant - chemist's - blowing up - long hours - martyr - prison - ironing - cause - hunger strike - working-class - laundry - Emmeline Pankhurst - George V - 30 - 1918

FILM SYNOPSIS Suffragette tells the story of Maud Watts, a Londoner who joins the fight to win
the vote for women in Britain. It begins in 1912, when the campaign for the vote has become more .
Maud lives with her husband, Sonny, and young son, George in the East End of , a very poor area at
this time. Working-class people worked very and many lived in terrible conditions. Life was
particularly hard for women, who often worked harder than men for money, and also had to manage
the household. Maud and her family live in one room, and Maud and Sonny work at a The women
do the washing and, while the men make the deliveries and service the machines. Maud started at
the laundry when she was seven, and has hardly had any education. She has also had to put up with sexual
advances from the laundry owner, Mr Taylor. If she, she would lose her job. In Bethnal Green,
there is a group of suffragettes, led by Edith Ellyn who runs a local At first, Maud is horrified by
the of the suffragettes, who break the windows of London's famous department stores. However,
gradually she changes her mind, and slowly becomes drawn to the She speaks in, spends
a week in for protesting, and meets , the real-life leader of the suffragettes.
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her, and she loses her job. In response, Maud becomes more militant, first
postboxes and then a government minister's country home. She spends more time in prison and she goes on
The story's climax takes place at Epsom where Maud has gone with Emily Davison,
another real-life suffragette, to wave the suffragette flag in front of the King However,
unbeknown to Maud, Emily has other plans and throws herself in front of the King's . She is killed
instantly. Emily becomes a, with thousands of women joining the suffragettes in her memory. The
suffragette's battle is almost won, and Maud has played a big part in it. She has sacrificed everything, but she
has found a voice.
THE BACK STORY Suffragette is a film about social and political change in Britain just before,
told through the personal story of one working-class woman. It was made by a a team of female film-makers
and actors, including Carey Mulligan and Meryl Streep. Women in Britain won the vote in, but only
for women over the age of who owned property. The full vote came for all women over the age of
21 in .



