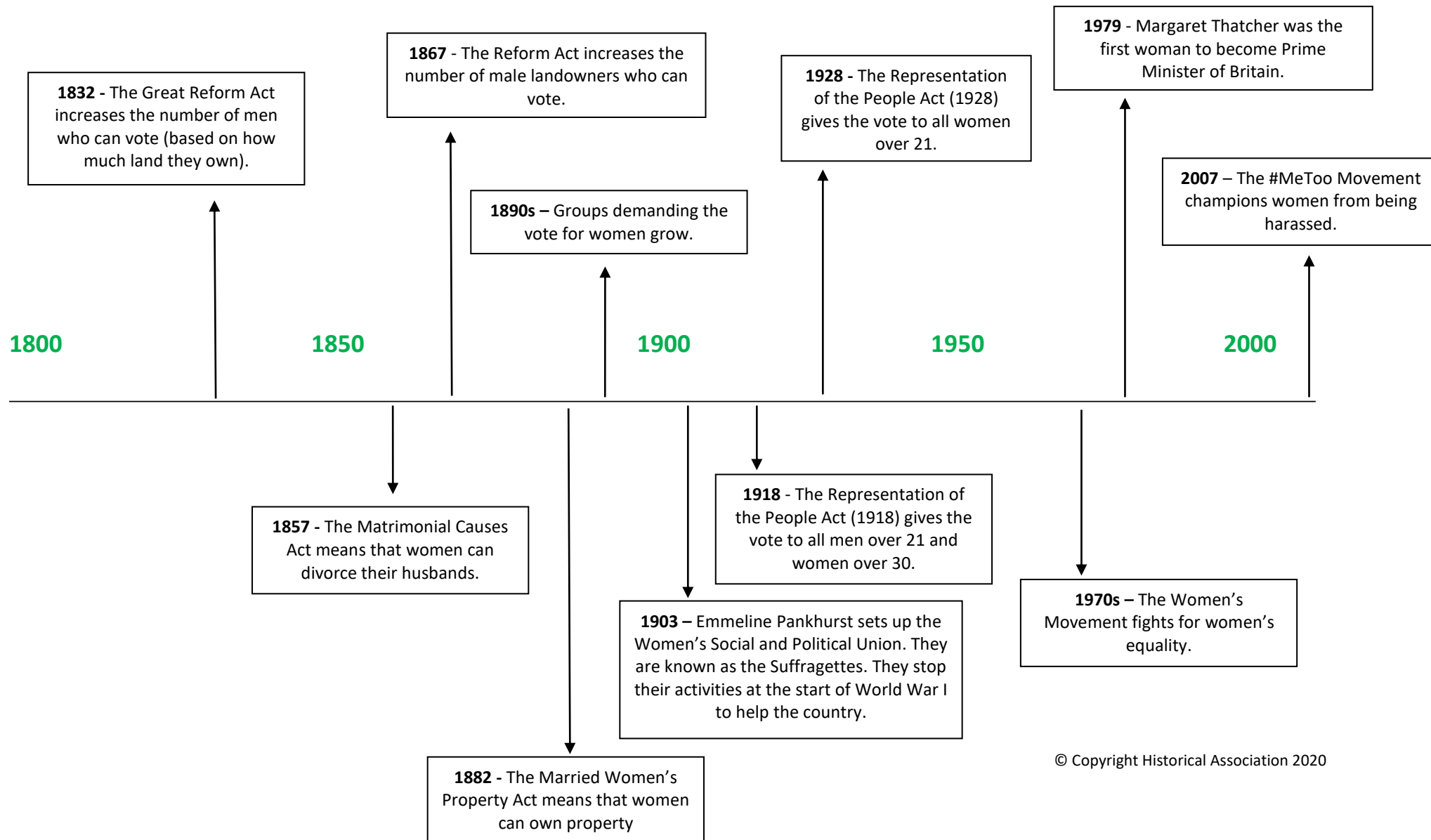


Changes in the lives of women over the past 200 years



Tasks

Task 1: What do you think the timeline says about how the women's lives have changed during the last two hundred years?

Task 2: Cut up the following statements and place them on the timeline. Does this change your opinion?

Middle class women in the 19th century are in charge of the home while their husbands focused on work.

Working class women in the 19th century are responsible for the home but often work as well.

There are increasing jobs for women in shops and offices in the late 19th century.

Women become housewives after men return from World War I.

Women take on men's jobs during World War II (1939-45) so the men can go off to fight.

Women are encouraged to become housewives after World War II but there are more opportunities to work than after World War I.

Women have increasing opportunities since the 1960s but still have to fight for equal rights to men.

Task 3: In pairs look at every event and decide how important it was in changing the lives of women rating them:

1 - limited importance

2 - important

3 - very important

Task 4: Decide how important World War II was compared with other events in changing women's lives.