Context- Feminism and Suffragettes

Rossetti

* Signed a letter against women suffrage letter which was sent to Augusta (who was a pro women’s writer) this was because of her understanding of genders in the Bible and there was a fundamental different in physicality.
* In addition, she doesn’t agree that the movement doesn’t include married women and mothers.
* She helped out at a charity where she helped women (prostitutes, single mothers and homeless people) to read and wright.

Women’s suffrage

* Stared in 1825. William Thompson and Anna Wheeling wrote an article how it was unfair that women were unable to vote.
* 1868 NSWS was founded but it was ineffective due to disputes on how it should be run.
* 1870s-1880s movement become prevalent and meeting set up all across UK. 200 signatures a year in favour of women getting the vote. Arguments in parliament but it was still denied.
* 1884- Married women’s property ac, allowing women to own and control their own property. Recognised women were independent and separate to their husbands.
* Queen Victoria was against the movement and wrote a letter against them.
* The vote wasn’t given until 1918 after she had deceased.

First wave of feminism aim

* Education
* Employment
* working conditions,
* wages
* Vote so they could gain control over those matters.