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How and why did political rights change in 19th century Britain?

Today we have political rights that people in past times did not have. Two hundred years ago, Britain was ruled in a very different way. Politics and the running of the government were limited to a small number of wealthy people.



During the nineteenth century, this was called into question by groups of people who wanted to change things. In this exhibition you can find out more about these groups of people and the changes they wanted. You can read about them from original historical documents of the time. There are nine galleries, covering groups such as the radicals, the chartists and suffragettes, to name a few. There are also worksheets and activities for you to get the most out of your study.