

# Who Is This Woman? Internet Investigation

You are going to **investigate** this woman using the Internet. The only clue you will receive is **her name** and **her photograph**. Note down **key information** about her as you find it in your historical inquiry. Good Luck!

Where was this taken?

What was happening to her?

Why was this happening?



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Year of Birth:

Home Town:

Occupation:

What happened to her in 1907?

How does this relate to the photograph?



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# Who Is This Woman? Internet Investigation **Answers**

## Where was this taken?

Outside the Houses of Parliament, London.

## What was happening to her?

She is being arrested by police.

## Why was this happening?

Suffragettes chained themselves to buildings, threw bombs, smashed windows, caused a nuisance to try and force the government to give women the vote through media coverage and publicity.



**Name:** Dora Thewlis

**Year of Birth:** 1890

**Home Town:** Honley, Huddersfield

**Occupation:** Weaver in a Mill, Yorkshire

## What happened to her in 1907?

Joined the Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU), the 'suffragettes'.

Joins the suffragettes' campaign of disturbance/violent protest.

## How does this relate to the photograph?

Dora had attempted to break in to the Houses of Parliament as part of a protest by the suffragettes.

Women were not allowed to vote or become MPs.

She was arrested as she had illegally entered Parliament to protest and imprisoned.



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What was the reaction of men in society to Dora Thewlis? (Family members, the press, the police and the courts.)

- Press – “Baby Suffragette”, “Little Mill Hand” – made fun of her
- Judge – patronising and told parents “to take her into hand”
- Police – look amused/taunted
- Father – fully supported her