

Timeline

1558 Queen Elizabeth I begins her reign as monarch

1603 Death Of Queen Elizabeth I

Before 1700 Women work mostly at home or in family-based businesses

1700

1702 Queen Anne begins her reign as monarch

1714 Death of Queen Anne

1700s Women work as decorators in potteries and porcelain factories



1768 Royal Academy of Arts founded. Angelica Kauffman and Mary Moser are two of the founding members

1792 Mary Woolstonecraft's *A Vindication of the Rights of Woman* published

1800

1837 Queen Victoria begins her reign as monarch

1857 Society of Female Artists founded in London

1860 First woman admitted to the Royal Academy of Art Schools

1867 Louisa Starr is the first woman to win a gold medal at the Royal Academy

1870 and 1882 Married Women's Property Acts: everything a woman owns no longer automatically belongs to her husband

1870 and 1882 Education Acts: from 1882 schooling is compulsory for girls under 12

1871 Slade Art School opens for the tuition of men and women

1871 *Elaine* by Sophie Anderson is the first painting by a woman to be bought for Liverpool

1897 National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies founded



1900

1901 Death of Queen Victoria

1903 Women's Social and Political Union ('The Suffragettes') founded

1914-18 First World War: women take over jobs previously done by men

1918 Women over 30 get the vote

1922 Annie Swynnerton is the first woman to be made a member of the Royal Academy since 1768

1921 Marie Stopes opens the first family planning clinic in Britain

1928 Women get the vote on the same terms as men

1929 Laura Knight created a Dame of the British Empire

1939-45 Second World War: women are needed in the factories again

1952 Queen Elizabeth II begins her reign as monarch

1961 Contraceptive pill licensed

1964 Aged 79 Sonia Delaunay becomes the first woman to have her work exhibited in the Louvre, Paris, in her lifetime

1965 The miniskirt comes into fashion

late 1960s Feminist movement gathers strength

1969 Mary Martin is the first woman to win first prize at the John Moores Liverpool exhibition with *Cross*

1970 Publication of *The Female Eunuch* by Germaine Greer

1979 Margaret Thatcher becomes Britain's first female Prime Minister

1984 Equal Pay Act (Equal Value Amendment) introduces equal pay for work of equal value

1994 Church of England ordains the first female priests

2000

2008 Natalia Gonchavora's (1881-1962) *The Flowers* became the most expensive work by a woman artist when it was sold at Christie's for £6.6.million

