**Women become doctors**

Throughout the Middle Ages and the Renaissance although there was some progress in the training of doctors it was still impossible for a woman to become a doctor.

Even in the 19th century there was still a great deal of discrimination against women. Legally women could not own property, were not allowed to vote, did not have equal access to education and opportunities and could not vote in elections.

It was not until 1876 that Parliament passed a law allowing the medical profession to become open to women. Up until then women could only become nurses and not doctors.

The struggle for women’s rights in the medical profession was long and difficult. Most of the credit for their success can be given to three women; Elizabeth Garrett Anderson, Elizabeth Blackwell and Sophia Jex Blake.

**Questions**

In 2’s and Using the web site prepare a PowerPoint to include slides on;

1. *What Sophia Jex Blake did to get the right for women to become doctors*
2. *What Elizabeth Blackwell did to get the right for women to become doctors*
3. *What Elizabeth Garrett Anderson did to get the right for women to become doctors*
4. *Give some examples of men helping these women in their campaign*
5. *Give some examples of men opposing these women in their campaign (you are allowed 2 slides for this one)*