

History—Year 6—How did the Industrial Revolution affect our local area?

Key Knowledge



The Industrial Revolution was a period of change in Britain. It changed Britain from being a rural country to an industrial one, and this impacted our local area.

The approximate period of the Industrial Revolution lies between 1750-1850AD.

Wigan was traditionally a mining town with many collieries. It had a large quantity of coal in the past.

In 1774, the Wigan stop at the Leeds-Liverpool canal opened. Wigan was chosen because of its coal.

Children were made to work in collieries and mills from the age of 5.

Reformers like Lord Shaftsbury worked to improve working conditions and women and child labour.

Key People



Lord Shaftesbury - A reformer and MP who worked hard to reform the laws surrounding children and work in factories.



Queen Victoria - The monarch who reigned during the time of the Industrial Revolution in the 18th century.



Key Places



The Leeds-Liverpool canal which runs through Wigan. It was chosen as a stop based on the abundance of coal in our local area in the past.



Vocabulary



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| century | similarity | reformer |
| decade | difference | mining |
| primary | hypothesis | colliery |
| source | viewpoint | canal |
| secondary | monarchy | mass production |
| source | reign | urban |
| research | Industrial Revolution | child labour |
| evidence | rural | agriculture |
| artefact | workhouse | impact |
| compare | poverty | |
| contrast | | |

Themes— Legacy and Change. Monarchy. Trade. Diversity and Equality.

Timeline of key events

