

Transport Triumph!

Why did transport change and grow in the nineteenth century?

Student Introduction

- ▶ This resource asks you to consider reasons for, and effects of, the development of transport in the 19th Century, including Red Funnel ferries.
- ▶ Look at the sources and answer the questions / complete the activities.



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Key word

Artefact: *the word we use for all the things we find that tell us about the past.*

1. Look at all the pictures on page 2.
2. Try to put them in common groupings – you need at least 3 to make a group.
3. Write down the numbers of the types of transport that make up your group.
4. Think of a name for your group - **DO NOT TELL ANYONE THE NAME YOU HAVE CHOSEN.**
5. The other people on your table try to guess what name you have given your group.
6. The person who guesses correctly is the next person to choose a group.
7. **IMPORTANT** – one artefact can be in many groups!



TRANSPORT

Put them in groups and give the groups a name

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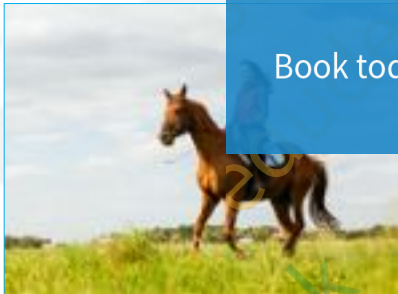


airplane

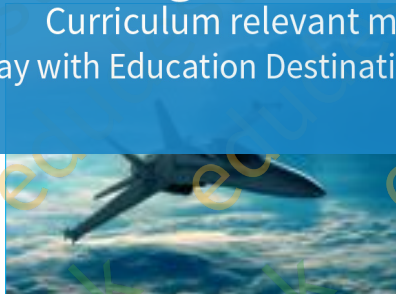


air balloon

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horseback



fighter jet



modern car



steam train



double decker bus



space ship



underground train



on foot



wheel barrow



speed boat



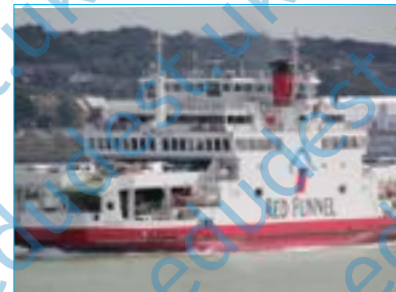
oil tanker



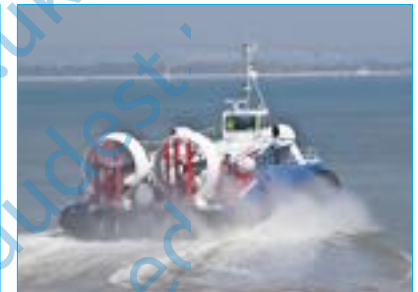
yacht



coach




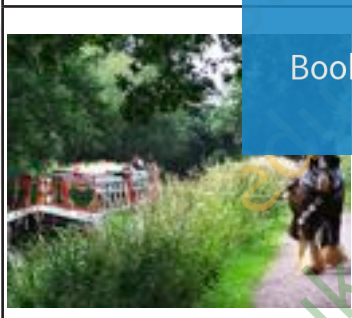


car ferry



hovercraft

CHANGES IN TRANSPORT - Read the information about each type of transport then complete the table on page 4

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Picture	Description of what it was	Description of what it did
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The cart was a large tray made of wood on wheels. The wheels were wooden and had a metal rim to keep them together and stop them wearing down. It went on the road. Roads went everywhere so everyone could use this type of transport. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the cart was small then it was easy for the horse to pull but it could not carry very much. If the cart was large then it could carry lots but it needed many horses which was expensive. The cart had narrow wheels and these cut up the road. When the road was uneven the things in the cart got thrown about and broken.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tunnels and cuttings were made to keep the canal level. By 1800 the main industrial cities were connected by canal to London. The barge was pulled by a horse so it was the same speed as a man walking: 4 miles per hour. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Also the barge moved smoothly, so nothing got broken. However most towns were not on a canal so this transport did not help them. Then in winter if the canal froze the barges could not move. It was only for carrying goods not people. It was slow.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A railway had rails that were laid over flat ground. Tunnels and cuttings were made to keep the railway level. By 1900 almost all towns and cities were connected by railways. Steam engines could travel at 40 miles per hour in 1850 and by 1900 this had increased to 80 miles per hour. The engine could pull lots of carriages at once carrying different things; people goods, and animals. The carriages were able to carry much more than either a cart or a barge. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Railways were a transport revolution. The speed people could travel had not increased since Roman times i.e. 2500 years. Because people could travel ten times faster they could go ten times further in the same time. Railways were the first type of transport that helped people as well as goods move. Railways could carry ten times as much as a barge or one hundred times as much as a cart. Therefore railways reduced the cost of transport so goods became cheaper. This meant the quality, the quantity and the variety of goods increased so people lived longer. It was fast. Trains allowed people to travel for work and for pleasure.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The hull of this vessel - a paddle steamer - was similar in shape to sailing boats, but it had paddles at each side. They were turned by a steam engine so it did not need the wind to get to its destination. This made it possible for paddle steamers to run to a timetable. They could travel at 10 knots which is about 11 miles per hour. Like all vessels they could carry anything; people, goods, animals and even very large things like vehicles. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paddle steamers were a big step forward in water transport. In simple terms paddle steamers did on water what trains did on land. It could carry as much as a train. Paddle steamers allowed people to travel for work and pleasure in a way that had never been possible before. It was fast. It was big so people could travel in luxury, so it was mostly for the rich.

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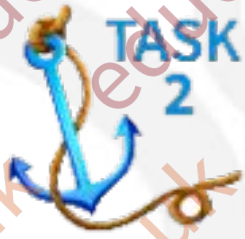
CHANGES IN TRANSPORT TABLE

Use the information about each type of transport to complete the following table

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Description of this type of transport	☺ Good features of this type of transport	☹ Weaknesses of this type of transport
<p>Horse and Cart 1750</p> 		
<p>Canals 1800</p> 		
<p>Railways 1850</p> 		
<p>Ferries 1900</p> 		

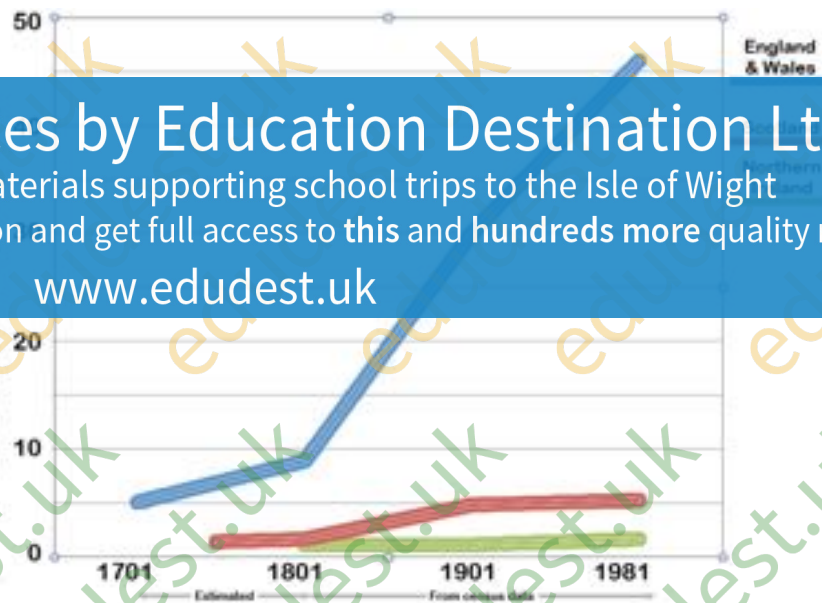
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Reasons for change: transport in the 19th Century

- » What were the main changes in Nineteenth Century Britain?
- » What was the impact of these changes?

Population growth: look at the data on this page and answer the questions on this page and overleaf.



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1750 11 000 000

1800 16 000 000

1850 27 000 000

1900 42 000 000

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Use the graph

What was happening to the population of England in the Nineteenth Century?



What would be the consequence of having more people alive?
Think about people's basic human needs.

What would have to change in Britain due to this rise in population?

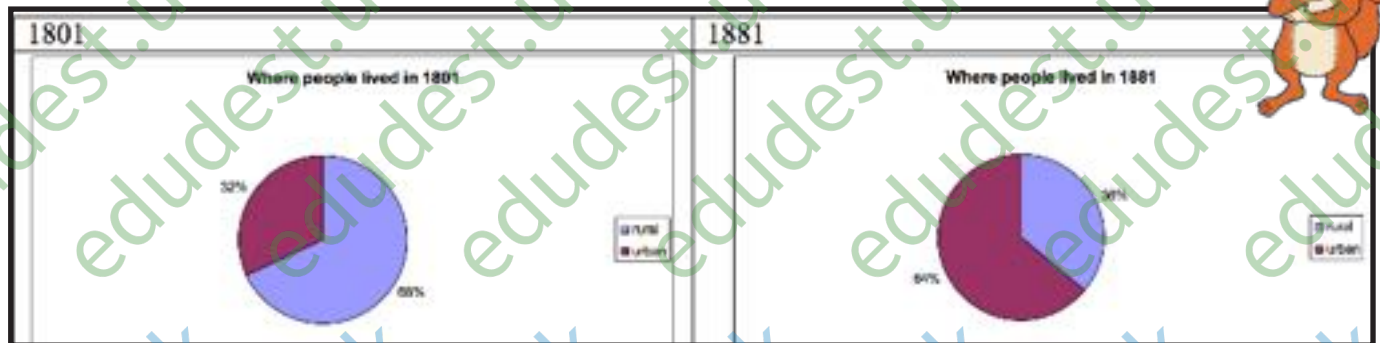
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Population Distribution in the UK



Study the pie charts above. How did where people live change?

How is life in the town different to living in the country?



Make a list of all the things you find in a town:

Make a list of things people living in a town need:

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This meant transport would have to improve!

So if more and more people were living in towns how might the country have to change?

✓ More _____ would need to be grown

✓ T _____ would have to be better

TASK

RESEARCH!

Going on holiday and the way it changed over time...

Research and find out the following about British holidaymakers:

	1750	1850	1900
Who went?			
Where did they go?			
How did they travel?			

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Why did they go?

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