

Geography: KS3

Teacher Notes



Curriculum Links:

Geography – maps, local area, global connections.

History – as part of an in depth Local History study, what life was like here in the past.

English – Creative writing, poetry and prose

Suggested prior knowledge:

Local history knowledge and basic map reading skills

Activity Objectives:

To provide several opportunities to think about where we are in the world, the changing local area and how the physical geography of an area effects what industry develops.

Introduction:

Outline the history of the area. For activity 1: Mapping the Past – look at a selection of old photographs of Lye town and the area. How has the area changed over time? What landmarks are still there. Compare the photographs with old maps of the area. You can acquire these maps by visiting <http://gismo.dudley.gov.uk>

Main Task/s:

 Either -

Use information from this site to write a:

- **Map the Past:** Explore the changes in the local area using maps and photographs (see web links below)
- **Making connections:** Explore how and where industry from the area has been used all over the world. Uncover Lye's global connections.
- **Lye through our senses:** Describe your local area through the senses of sight, smell, hearing and touch. Can you turn these geographical descriptions into a poem about where you live?

Plenary: What have you discovered about the area that will make you think differently about where you live?

Suggested Follow up and Extension Activities:

Develop a local history/geography walk around the area for other students/parents and visitors to try. Send it to us and we may include it on this website for other schools to share.

Materials required:

Maps from GISMO

Archive photographs from local publications or from a visit to Lye Library or Dudley Archives

Useful websites:

www.lyeandwollescote.info - for historic and current information about how you can help

www.stourbridge.com/lye-wollescote-photos-1 - photos of Lye in the 50s and 60s

www.cwgc.org - Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Learning and Resources linked to the World Wars.

www.madeintheblackcountry.wordpress.com - a site full of information about what was made here in the past.