

History: KS3

History in the Headstones Teacher Notes



Curriculum Links:

History: Local History, Victorian England and industrialisation, child labour, World War I, historical investigation and enquiry

Maths: investigating statistics, presenting and interpreting data

Previsit Work & Suggested prior knowledge:

Find out about the various industries that existed during Victorian times in the local area **OR**

Research World War 1 and its impact on the local area from looking at primary and secondary source material.

Activity Objective:

To understand basic research skills. To gain an insight into lives of real people from the past. Look at the cemetery as a historical source material. What can it and the lives of the people in it tell us about life here in the past. To explore different sources of information and how we research things today.

Key Vocabulary:

Census, research, evidence, primary and secondary sources

Introduction:

Discuss how these people are buried in Lye and Wollescote Cemetery. Going to begin looking at local history by researching some of the lives of the people in there.

Main Task:

Explore the cemetery: what information can it provide us with about life here in the past? How can it be used as initial source material for research?

Plenary:

Present back what has been found out. Question what information is missing and how it could be found.

Suggested Follow up and Extension Activities:

Further research into key areas ie: industrialisation in Lye, living conditions, life expectancy etc.

Materials required:

Information sheets and pictures of gravestones, information about Lye Citizens and WWI soldiers from KS2 History section on this site as required.

Useful websites:

Lye and Wollescote Cemetery and Chapel site

Books:

The Lye and Wollescote Cemetery and Chapels and *The Lost Twenty Nine* both by Jean Weston and Marlene Price (available from this website).