

Introduction of the Railways



Lesson Plan-Classroom

What Changes did the Railway bring to North Norfolk?

Key Stage: 2

Type: Classroom Length: 1 ¹/₂ hours

Curriculum links: History, English, Maths Key Themes: Victorians, Local History,

Tourism, Transport

Learning Objectives:

• Recognize how the different trades practiced in Cromer changed after the arrival of the railways, and understand how this encouraged people to move to the area.

- Understanding how tourism increased after the introduction of the railways.
- Learn how we can use documents to find out about the past.

Time	Activity	Details	Resources	
5 mins	Introduction	What are we learning about today?	N/A	Whole
		How are we going to find out about		Class
		it? What is a document?		
10 mins	Indenture Game	Look at what an indenture is	Indenture	Individual
		Try and match up the questions and answers about when the railways arrived.		
20 mins	Census activity	Introduce a census return. Look at 2 returns one before and one after the introduction of the railways.	Census return	Pairs
		Pupils to fill in a grid based on the trades.		
		Try to link Victorian occupations to definitions.		

Time	Activity	Details	Resources	
30 mins	Trade directory	 Go round the classroom picking up items from to do list. Explain activity Ask for volunteer to put on hat and wave flag so you can travel back in time. For older children do the code breaker version. 	Maps, Trade Directory, numbered images with corresponding cards, grid to fill in	Pairs
20 mins	Postcard home	Explain they are to writing a postcard home from 1883 containing where they are, what they have	Postcard templates, pencils	Individual
5 mins	Evaluation	Pupils to write what they have learnt during the session on a post-it note	Post-it notes, pencils	Individual