



St White's Primary School - History

Phase: LKS2

Topic: The Industrial Revolution and The Forest of Dean

Rural



iron ore, limestone,

and coke

blast

furnace

hot air

What should I already know?

- An awareness of the past and the passing of time.
- Understanding similarities and differences between different ways of life in different periods.
- Understand how to find out about the past and the different ways of representing it.

Historical skills and enquiry

- Understand how, when and why the Industrial Revolution began.
- Understand that The Forest of Dean played a significant role in the revolution
- · Learn about life as a miner
- Understand the developments in technology and how this impacted the revolution
- Understand how to revolution changed the Forest of Dean
- Learn about key figures throughout the Industrial Revolution in the Forest of Dean

The Industrial Revolution

- A period of huge change in Britain between 1750 and 1900.
- Before the Industrial Revolution, Britain was a rural country, most people lived off the land with livestock.
- People began to realise that coal and steam could be used to power factories, large machines, flour and
 cotton mills. This reduced the time it took to make something and increased the amount that could be made
 and so the Industrial Revolution began.
- · Huge factories were built and towns expanded.
- People would migrate to the towns attracted by reliable work and pay from the factories.
- Houses for workers were built closer to the factories.
- Better transport links helped boost trade by transporting people and goods quickly and cheaply all across the country.

The Industrial Revolution and The Forest

- Before the revolution, the Forest was used by the king for hunting and keeping his animals- people did not live in the Forest
- The Forest had excellent resources in timber, iron and coal
- · Because of these resources, it became a large mining are, first in iron and later in coal
- Men who were born in the Forest were allowed to be Freeminers, they lived in huts they built on the edge of the Forest and mined the land
- The freeminer's rights were taken away and the king began to rent out the mines
- Children worked in the mines until a law forbid them from doing so
- Schools and houses were built for the miners in the forest-this is how we live here today
- Nelson ordered the forest to plant more trees to build his boats
- The first steam train was built and the Forest was able to transport the iron and coal around the country

Industry A group of companies that all produce the same thing. Industrial Revolution A time of major change in the way products were made. Invention A new thing that someone has made. Reign To control a country

Technical vocabulary

revolution A big change in something.

Manufacture To make something on a large scale using machinery.

Trade Buying and selling things

The countryside.



