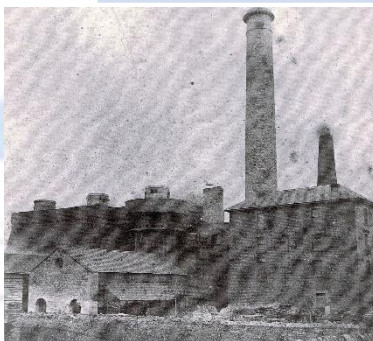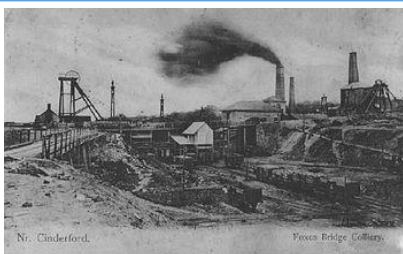# What impact did the industrial revolution have on the Forest of Dean?

What should I already know?

- Why coal was so important to the country.
- How coal started to change the country.
- The impact of the Roman invasion of Britain.

Forest of Dean

- Until the time of the Industrial Revolution, the Forest of Dean had a very small population. The Forest was mostly used to supply wood for the building of ships and for hunting.
- When vast deposits of coal and iron were found, many mines were established in the area (such as Clearwell, Hopewell).
- As more people were needed to work in the Forest of Dean, many villages and towns were created to support workers in the area (such as Cinderford).
- Large ironworks were built in the Forest to supply iron and steel to the rest of the country (such as Darkhill).
- Railways were built to move supplies around the Forest of Dean easier.

Nr. Cinderford. Foxes Bridge Colliery.

Values

Challenge	What challenges did the industrial revolution pose for the Forest of Dean?
Commit	Why did people commit to the change of the industrial revolution?
Conquer	How did the industrial revolution allow people to conquer problem?
Celebrate	What can be celebrated because of the industrial revolution?

Technical vocabulary

Industrial	The creation of lots of factories and mines.
Revolution	A big, permanent change.
Mining	Extracting coal or ore from the ground.
Coal	A fossil fuel that is burned to generate energy.
Ore	Rocks that contain minerals and metals.
Processing	Changing something from one thing to another.
Community	A group of households that live in an area.
Ironworks	A place where ore is processed into iron or steel.
Smelting	Heating ore to extract metals and minerals.
Colliery	A coal mine and the buildings to support it.
Rural	A place that is mostly reliant on farming.
Modern	Recent, using the most current technology.
Population	The total number of people in an area.
Empire	A number of countries around the world controlled by a different country.
Labour	The time and energy you put into work.

Timeline

AD50	1100AD	1600AD	1818AD	1850AD	1890AD
Occupation by Romans.	First castle built in the Forest of Dean (St Briavels)	Forest of Dean used as a royal hunting ground	Darkhill Ironworks built. The start of the change from rural to industrial.	Cinderford planned an built to support local mining.	Many collieries, railways and foundries built to support industry in the Forest of Dean

What will I know by the end of the unit?

- What was the Forest of Dean like before the Industrial Revolution?
- Why did the Industrial Revolution need to happen?
- How did industrial mining change the Forest of Dean?
- How did railways change the Forest of Dean?
- Who were the famous figures of the Industrial Revolution?