

Knowledge Organiser



How has Manchester changed over time?

Subject: History Link Topics: Geography

Questions I will ask:

1. When and why did Manchester develop into a successful industrial city?
2. What was life like for the working class of Manchester and Oldham?
3. How did the people of Manchester try to achieve fair rights for workers?
4. How did life change in Britain during the reign of Queen Victoria?
5. How did life change for children in Britain during the reign of Queen Victoria?

Facts I will learn:

Manchester began to grow as an important city because of the development of the cotton mills in the 18th century.

Manchester was so successful as an industrial city due to the damp climate, easy access to raw materials and the political structure of the country at this time.

Working conditions in the mills was poor - children and adults worked long hours in dangerous conditions for little pay.

The mill workers tried to affect change peacefully by signing a petition.






There were many changes in Britain during the reign of Queen Victoria - including the voting rights for men and slavery was abolished in the British Empire.

The education reform act was passed in 1880, meaning all children had to attend school.

Prior Learning:

- Year 1: We learned about where Oldham is in the UK
- Year 2: We learned about Annie Kenny and the suffragettes
- Year 4: We learned about the distribution of natural resources

Vocabulary	Visual
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cottonopolis	a word with the suffix 'polis' refers to it being a city, so it literally means 'cotton-city'	
disproportionate	unequal	
import	to bring goods into a country from abroad	
export	to send goods out of a country to another	
collieries	coal mines	
chartists	a group of working-class people whose aim was to gain political rights and influence for the working classes	