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Enquiry Question	Sources	Activities	Vocabulary
<p>What was Birkenhead like before the 19th Century?</p>	<p>Maps Domesday Book Tapestry Priory Floor Plan</p>	<p>Birkenhead and the Wirral before the 19th century Information PowerPoint In this PowerPoint, children will learn about the early signs of human activity within the Birkenhead area. It will introduce them to the stone, bronze and iron age, through the Roman invasion and the arrival of the Vikings, and introduce the founding of the priory in Birkenhead.</p> <p>Birkenhead Priory Mapping Activity In this activity children will have to analyse a floor plan of the Birkenhead priory, before labelling an image of the medieval priory and how it stands today. They will then need to answer a question about what the layout of the priory tells us about life during this period.</p> <p>Finding Viking Origins Activity In this activity children will look at a map of Birkenhead and its surrounding area. They will then use the key to determine how many places they can find that may be of Viking heritage.</p> <p>Extended Task: Can you find out what other ruin sits next to the Birkenhead Priory?</p>	<p>Birkenhead, River Mersey, Stone Age, Bronze Age, Chester, Wirral, Storeton Quarry, Ingimund, Meols, Thingwall, Thor, Domesday Book, Priory</p>
<p>What impact did the Laird family have on Birkenhead?</p>	<p>Newspaper Report Maps Trade Directories Photographs Paintings</p>	<p>The Laird Legacy Information PowerPoint In this PowerPoint, children will be introduced to William Laird and discover the lasting impact him, and his family, had on the town of Birkenhead. They will also meet John Laird and learn more about his legacy.</p> <p>Tourist Booklet Activity – Laird’s Birkenhead In this activity children will create an accordion booklet which features three locations that the Laird’s designed, built or created within Birkenhead. They will need to write about each location and why it is important to the town’s history.</p> <p>History Defenders – William Laird Blue Plaque Activity Children can reflect on what they have learned about William Laird to write and design a blue plaque that can sit in an important place of their choosing within Birkenhead.</p> <p>Extended Task: What else can you find out about Cammel Laird?</p>	<p>Dissolution, William Laird, John Laird, Wallasey Pool, Gillepsie Graham, Hamilton Square, Cammell Laird</p>
<p>How did transport developments help Birkenhead to grow?</p>	<p>Historical images Maps Trade directories Photographs</p>	<p>Transport in Birkenhead PowerPoint This presentation will explain how Birkenhead only really entered the Industrial Revolution due to transport links that connected an isolated peninsula to the rest of the country. They will learn about the ferries, ships and trains that kick started the growth of the town.</p> <p>Population Graph and Timeline activity In this activity, children will be given population data and key events. They will put the population data onto a provided graph and sort the events onto a timeline. They can then compare key events with the population at the time and see if they can see how the addition of transport links corresponded with population growth.</p>	<p>Industrial Revolution, steam ferry, paddle steamer, Etna, shipyard, William Laird, docks, railway,</p>



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	Paintings	<p>Impact of transport on Birkenhead Children will explain the impact of different modes of transport on the development of Birkenhead. They will use the information they have learned from the PowerPoint and from the population task to answer the overall question.</p> <p>Extended Task: Can you find out more about the railways in Birkenhead?</p>	Birkenhead Station, Mersey Railway Tunnel, population.
<p>How did the World Wars impact Birkenhead?</p>	<p>Historical images</p> <p>Photographs</p> <p>Newspaper article</p>	<p>Birkenhead during the Wars PowerPoint This PowerPoint will teach children about the two world wars and their impact on Birkenhead. They will learn about what war time was like for people in Birkenhead and events that happened during World War 1 and World War 2.</p> <p>Research a World War 1 soldier This activity will provide all the links and information that children require to find out more about one of the soldiers on the Birkenhead War Memorial. A research template is provided so that children are scaffolded in recording all the key information.</p> <p>Newspaper Analysis Children will analyse a newspaper article about the heroic act of one Birkenhead man during an air raid in 1941. The resource will support them in deciphering some of the technical vocabulary and will help them gain an understanding of the events that unfolded.</p> <p>Extended Task: What can you find out about the famous war poet, Wilfred Owen's, links to Birkenhead?</p>	World War 1, Cheshire Regiment, The Bantams, Frederick Lister, Royal British Legion, Wilfred Owen, World War 2, evacuation, RAF Hooton Park, The 93rd Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment, air raids, Norman Tunna, rationing, incendiary, shunter.
<p>How can listed buildings help us find out about Birkenhead?</p>	<p>Photographs</p> <p>Maps</p>	<p>Birkenhead's Listed Buildings PowerPoint This PowerPoint will explain what listed buildings are and why they are selected. It will explain how children can find listed buildings near them and will then highlight some of the listed buildings in Birkenhead.</p> <p>Diamond of Significance This task will require children to sort listed buildings in Birkenhead in order of significance. It will encourage debate about what makes one building more historically important than another.</p> <p>Listed Buildings Using the provided template, children will research one of Birkenhead's listed buildings to gain a deeper understanding of its history.</p> <p>Extended Task: Can you write a persuasive speech or design a poster to explain why the building you have researched is significant and what it teaches us about Birkenhead's past?</p>	Listed, grade, architectural interest, historic interest, Birkenhead Priory, St Mary's Tower, Hamilton Square, Woodside Ferry Terminal, Hydraulic Engine House and Tower, Williamson Art Gallery and Museum, Birkenhead Central Library, Ventilation Station, Ron's Place.



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