

Local History

Historic England and Teacher's Pet have come together to bring you a collection of free resources that you can use in your local history teaching.



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Teacher's Pet

Who are Teacher's Pet?

Teacher's Pet have been providing downloadable and playable educational content to early years and primary school teachers for over 14 years. We cover all areas of the curriculum and use a team of in-house teachers and designers to create engaging and memorable concepts, that the children will love.

Why local history?

At [Teacher's Pet](#) we want to empower primary school teachers by giving them the tools they need to deliver inspiring and thoughtful lessons about the local area and its history. We believe local history teaching has such an important part to play in a child's wellbeing – helping to give children a sense of pride in where they live.

Our Local History project is designed to provide teachers across the UK with everything they need to successfully carry out a full scheme of teaching about their local area, through key enquiry questions and source led activities.

Working with [Historic England](#) gives us access to archived maps and photos for resources and information from knowledgeable local historians, as well helping us to provide the content to you free of charge.

For more information about our Local History project or to find out more about Teacher's Pet Classroom Resources, please visit our website.

? How has Luton changed since the war?

Census Analysis Activity

One way to better understand how an area has changed is by studying information from the census (a national survey that takes place every 10 years). This information will tell you how a city's demographics including its employment levels and other social information, have changed.

These are the census statistics for the percentage of working people in a range of industries in Luton. Carefully study the results before beginning your investigation, using the sheet provided.

Industrial Sector	Census Years		
	2001	2011	2020
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	0.3%	0.1%	0.1%
Mining and quarrying	0%	0%	0%
Manufacturing	19%	9.2%	6.5%
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning	0.4%	0.2%	0%
Water supply	-	0.6%	0.2%
Construction	7.6%	8.1%	5.4%
Retail and motor repair	17.3%	17.8%	11.8%
Transport and storage	10.5%	10.1%	10.8%
Accommodation and food services	4.8%	6.1%	4.8%
Information and communication	-	3.3%	2.4%
Financial and insurance activities	3.3%	2.6%	0.6%
Real estate activities	12.5%	1.5%	1.9%
Professional, scientific and technical	-	4.7%	6.5%
Administrative and support services	-	6.3%	19.4%
Public administration and defence	3.7%	4.4%	3.2%
Education	6.8%	10%	8.6%
Human health and social work	8.6%	10.8%	15.1%
Arts and entertainment	-	-	1.3%
Other	4.6%	4.2%	1.3%





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1. Which industry has seen the greatest rise in employment since 2011?

2. Why do you think this is?

3. Which industry saw the greatest fall in employment since 2001?

4. Why do you think this is?

5. Which industry employed 10% of Luton's working population in 2011?

6. What would cause a drop in the number of people working within real estate in the city?



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