



Year 5 - Local History: Mining



Crucial Knowledge

Coal can be dug up from big holes in the ground called mines. When burned it produces heat which is why we call it a fossil fuel.

R: During the Victorian era, you could work in a coal mine from the age of 6. Children worked very hard for far less pay than adults.

The people who dug up the coal were called miners.

There were local mines at Apedale and Silverdale. The coal from these mines was used to help make pottery in Stoke.

Miners often worked long hours for little money. Working in a mine could be very dangerous as they could collapse or fill with dangerous gases.

The pottery industry developed in Stoke as the resources they needed were close by. Canals were built to transport these resources to the pot banks.

Extended Knowledge

Many families moved to the area from all over the country to work in the mines.

Apedale coal mine first opened in the 1700s (18th Century) and closed in 1998.

Apedale coal mine was the last working coal mine in Staffordshire.

Chronology

