



All About Widnes

YEAR 4

CRANTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Widnes Project - Tanzania

Together we will be creating a project all about what we have learned on Widnes in History. We will present these on A1 pieces of paper (like a double page spread but BIGGER!)

You will present your project and read the information from it for a video to send to the Arise School in Tanzania – and they will send one in return!

It is important that we use TEAMWORK and I will be looking for children who stand out as a good team player.

Let's remind ourselves what it means to work as a team...



Team Work

I work well with others.

I take an active role.

I contribute and share ideas.

I accept others and their part to play.

Where to find our information...

- ▶ History Book
- ▶ KEYS sheets
- ▶ End of unit quiz
- ▶ IPADS

- Widnes name means 'wide nose.'
- It is on the River Mersey and across the river from Runcorn.
- Widnes used to be a mainly rural area and people especially aristocracy came here to visit the shores of the River Mersey on day trips and holidays.
- Widnes became a very important town for the chemical industry in the 19th century and this made it very polluted.



- The first chemical works opened in 1847 at Spike Island.
- 1847 is in the 19th century.
- The chemical industry is now remembered at the Catalyst Museum.
- The chemical works in Widnes made lots of different things including soap, borax, salt cake and bleaching powder.



Widnes town coat of arms

The red roses represent the Lancashire County connection (Widnes used to be in the county of Lancashire but it is now in Cheshire) and the bees are represent industry.

The furnace on the crest relates to the form of industry for which Widnes was noted for, namely alkali and soap manufacture.



St Luke's Church is the oldest church in Widnes. It was built around 1180 and used to be called St Wilfred's.

Continuity and change - how things have stayed the same or changed over time

Catalyst - A substance that increases the speed of a chemical reaction without undergoing any permanent chemical change itself.

Chemical - A substance, especially one which has been artificially prepared

Aristocracy - The highest class of society

Widnes has had a rugby league team for nearly 150 years. Their historic nickname is 'The Chemics' after the main industry in Widnes, but now they use their modern nickname, 'The Vikings'.



WIDNES VIKINGS

Widnes Rugby League team when they won the Challenge cup in 1930



What will we focus on for our project?

- ▶ You will be split into 5 groups, focusing on the 5 questions we answered in our History unit on Widnes.
- ▶ **What is a coat of arms?**
- ▶ **When was Widnes a holiday destination?**
- ▶ **How did Widnes change in the 19th century?**
- ▶ **How has sport changed in Widnes in past 100 years?**
- ▶ **Which is the oldest church in Widnes?**

Some job roles to think about

- ▶ **Researcher** – what information can you find and what should be included?
- ▶ **Writer** – who will write the information in a neat and appealing style?
- ▶ **Designer** - how will you present your information? Where will the text/ images/ timelines go? How will the structure look?
- ▶ **Drawer** – who will draw any key pictures to make your project interesting?
- ▶ **Editor** – who will pick the photos, write the captions, check that everything makes sense and is spelt correctly before it goes onto the final piece?
- ▶ **Planner/ encourager** – who will decide what order things need to be done? Who will check everyone is working at the correct pace and helping each person achieve their goal?

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