

Transport: Activity 4 - Railway debate

TEACHERS' NOTES

Note: This debate would be best placed after work on Trade and Industry, and earlier Transport activities.

Learning Objectives

- Understand how the coming of the railway would have had a good or bad effect on people's lives

Cross-curricular links

- Literacy - debating

Sources

The Children's Activity Sheet provides a selection of "character cards" that could be cut out and used to assign characters for the debate. Many of these characters have featured in previous activities. Cards 1-7 and 10 could be used with or without the text below the image.

1. Richard Turner, whose diaries describe travel in the 1830s (Transport 2-Travel Times)
2. The Newman family on their smallholding (Trade and Industry 1-Market Gardening)
3. The driver of a horse-drawn stage-coach (Transport 3-Coaches and Trains)
4. Fishermen on the beach (Trade and Industry 1-Fishing)
5. Invalid in a bath-chair on the beach (Trade and Industry 2-Seaside Resorts)
6. Owner of bathing machines (Trade and Industry 2-Seaside Resorts)
7. Bargeman and his family (Transport 1-Introducing Transport)
8. Toll-gate keepers in Bramber
9. Blacksmiths outside their smithy (Trade and Industry 1-Overview)
10. Staff at Petworth Station
11. Osborne's furniture removal wagon in 1875 and 1880
12. Omnibus at Littlehampton station, with timetable