

Travel and Tourism in the Dee Valley Activity Plan

Learning Objectives

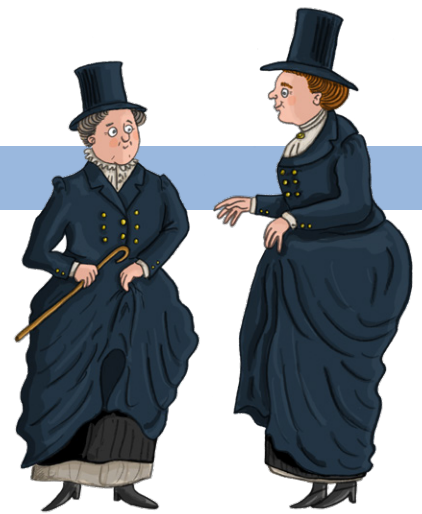
- Discover how people in the past have viewed and interpreted the Dee Valley.
- Understand what drew people to the Dee Valley and its special features including the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal.
- Discover how people travelled to and within the Dee Valley and the changes to transport over time.
- Understand the impact that tourism has on an area both positive and negative.
- Develop key skills including creativity, reflecting on artwork, critical thinking, historic interpretation and evaluation.

Resources

- Revealing the Dee Valley PowerPoint game
- Films: Ladies of Llangollen
- Dee Valley Artists: Teacher Guidance notes, 18th and 19th century paintings of the Dee Valley, art reflection sheet
- Travel Writing: Teacher Guidance notes, sources for different eras
- Tourism Debate: Teacher Guidance notes, tourism fact file, role cards

Activities

1. Use the Revealing the Picturesque PowerPoint game as a whole class activity to discover what people in the past thought about key areas within the Dee Valley.
2. Watch the Ladies of Llangollen films and let them explain what the landscape of the Dee Valley meant to them and learn about the Picturesque through their eyes.
3. Investigate artwork through time inspired by the beauty of the Dee Valley using the artwork reflection sheet. Inspired by these images create your own artwork, put on a display and evaluate each other's work.
4. Take on the role of a historic traveller through time and inspired by quotes, paintings and maps from your chosen time period develop a creative writing piece.
5. Become tourism experts and plan your own visitor centre for Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal in the Dee Valley. Present your ideas to the class and debate the positive and negative impacts of tourism in the area.



Suggestions

Visit the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal to give ideas for the tourism debate and to give inspiration for the investigating artwork and travel writing activities.

Plenary

The Dee Valley landscape has drawn visitors and inspired artists and writers for over 200 years. It continues to do so today. Industry grew after the canal was built, whilst the beautiful landscape continued to attract tourists. It is important to consider both the positive and negative impact they have had on the Dee Valley over time.

KS2 Curriculum Links

England

- History
- Geography
- English
- Art and Design

Wales

- Humanities
- Literacy and Communication
- Expressive Arts

Useful Websites/Extra Resources

- [Film: 'From Dawn 'til Dusk' – Celebrating 10 years of World Heritage on the Llangollen canal'](#)
- [Clwydian Range and Dee Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty website](#)
- [Sublime Wales website](#)