



Coalbrookdale Assignment History Around Us Objective 2 and 3

STUDENT VISIT PACK

Name: _____

The Coalbrookdale Museum of Iron and Darby Houses commemorate the achievements of the Darby family who lived in Coalbrookdale during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. The Darby family were inspirational in developing innovations within the iron industry throughout Britain's industrial revolution. The Darbys were Quakers and religion was very important to them. They are remembered as philanthropic employers. During your visit to the Museum of Iron and Coalbrookdale you will be gathering evidence to explore the statement,

“The Darby Family cared about its workers between 1700 and 1860.”

On return to school you will proceed to examine a source pack of primary and secondary documents, however, your focus during the visit should be on how the Darbys are remembered by the Museum of Iron and the evidence that you see in Coalbrookdale.

Use the following pages to record answers, ideas and notes that will be useful to you on your return to school. You should try to answer the questions for each area, but also record any other information you think will be useful.

Important Note

You may wish to sketch or photograph some or all of the sites to use in your work when you return to school. Remember that the residential part of Coalbrookdale is not part of the Museum. Most of the buildings are privately owned so you cannot enter them and you should not attempt to ask residents to help you answer your questions.



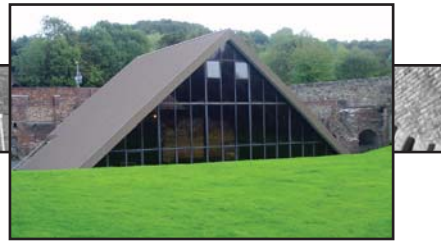
Museum of Iron - First floor

1. What kind of information do the exhibits tell you about the Darby family?
Explain briefly.
2. How much information can you find about the workers?
Record any information.



Museum of Iron - Second floor

1. What is the focus of the exhibitions on this floor?
Explain briefly.
2. Is there any information concerning the Darbys' workers?
Record any evidence.



The Furnace Site

1. Identify where the water wheel was positioned.
2. What was it used to power ?
3. What was it replaced by in the nineteenth century ?
4. When was the furnace built ?
5. When was it enlarged ?
6. What materials were placed in the furnace ?
7. How did 'pig iron' get its name ?



The Quaker Burial Ground

1. How many Darby family headstones can you find ?
2. Record any information you can read on them.
3. How do these Quaker headstones differ from the grave of Abraham Darby IV in the Church of England graveyard in Coalbrookdale ?



Tea Kettle Row

1. How many houses do you think there are in Tea Kettle Row ?
2. Are they all the same size ?



Rosehill House

1. What is the focus of the exhibition in Rosehill House ?
Explain briefly.
2. Is there any information about the Darby workforce ?
3. What information can you find about religion and the Darbys ?
Make some brief notes.



Dale House

1. What is the focus of the exhibition in Dale House ?
Explain briefly.
2. Is there any information about the Darby workforce ?



The School House

1. How does the school house differ from a modern school ?
2. What is the school house used for now ?
3. Why do you think the windows are so large ?



The Mill

1. How was the Mill powered ?
2. How is it used now ?



Carpenters Row

1. How many houses are there in Carpenters Row ?
2. How many are derelict and how many privately owned and occupied ?
3. Compare these houses to Tea Kettle Row.
Explain which you think are best situated and why.



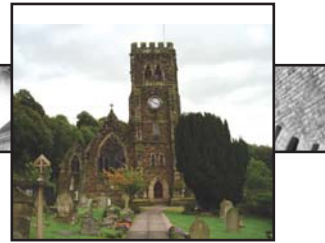
The Grove Inn

1. The size of the Inn is deceptive.
How many rooms do you think the whole Inn comprises of ?
2. Why do you think the Darbys built it ?



Church Road (Charity Row)

1. How many houses are there in the Row ?
2. Why was it called Charity Row ?



The Church

1. Describe the design of the Church.
2. Why do you think it was built where it was ?
3. Examine and describe the grave of Abraham Darby IV.
4. How does it differ from the headstones in the Quaker Burial Ground ?



The Literary and Scientific Institute

Now a Youth Hostel

1. Describe the size of the building.
2. What colour are the bricks ?
3. Why do you think they are this colour ?



Overall Conclusion

Having visited Coalbrookdale and the Museum of Iron and surrounding sites, write a paragraph to answer the question -

“Did the Darbys care about their workers between 1700 and 1860 ?”

When you return to school you will receive a pack of primary and secondary sources about the Darbys. You will be able to contrast your impression developed on the field visit with the ideas you gain by examining the written evidence.