



How have the Bristol docks changed over time?

Enquiry Question	Sources	Activities	Vocabulary
What do we know about the origins of Bristol?	Historical Images 1250 Maps of Bristol	<p>How did Bristol begin? Information PowerPoint In this PowerPoint children will learn about the origins of Bristol, including its early settlers at Stokeleigh camp, the arrival of the Romans and the Anglo-Saxon period with the building of Bristol Castle.</p> <p>Where to Build Bristol Castle Activity Children will take on the roles of different Normans to help decide where to build Bristol Castle. They will use geography and map skills, along with what they have found out in the PowerPoint to help them agree on the best location.</p> <p>Mapping Medieval Bristol Activity Children will compare two maps – one from modern day and one from 1250 AD. They will use their mapping skills to try and place the old medieval town of Bristol on the modern-day city. They can then compare how the city has changed over time.</p> <p>Extended Task: Can you find out more about how the Medieval town of Bristol was laid out?</p>	Stokeleigh Camp, Dobunni Tribe, River Avon, Sea Mills, Portus Abonae, Maritime, Kingsweston Villa, Church of St Peters, Anglo-Saxon, Brycgstow, Bristol Bridge, Bristol Castle, Medieval
Why did Bristol become a centre for trade?	Historical images Maps First seal of Bristol	<p>The Rivers and Trade PowerPoint Presentation In this PowerPoint presentation, children will learn about the importance of the River Avon, River Frome and River Severn and how they influenced the development of Bristol. They will also learn how the rivers were adapted to make them better suited for trade.</p> <p>Bristol Bridge Chronology Activity Using images of Bristol Bridge at various points in history, children will organise them into chronological order before analysing the images to see how things have changed over time. A great activity for looking at a variety of sources.</p> <p>The First Seal of Bristol Activity In this activity, children will analyse an image of the first seal of Bristol and look to see what it says about the city at the time. They should come to the conclusion that Bristol was a proud city and was already established as a centre of trade.</p> <p>Extended Task: Could you design a seal that represents Bristol today?</p>	River Avon, River Frome, River Severn, dock, harbour, St Augustine's Reach, Bristol Bridge, Bristol Channel, Atlantic Ocean, seal, City of Bristol.
How do we know about what Bristol traded?	Bristol Archive Shipping Records Historical Maps	<p>Trade in Bristol Information PowerPoint In this PowerPoint, children will learn about the key goods that were imported and exported at Bristol's docks from the 1400s to the 1800s. They will learn about the vast distances that explorers from Bristol travelled to open new trade routes and about the Transatlantic slave trade that helped Bristol to develop.</p> <p>Bristol Exports Analysis Children will study three pie charts which show the kinds of goods being exported out of Bristol during the 16th century. They will reflect on what the statistics show and learn how trade changed over time.</p>	Medieval, wool, Ireland, craftsmen, trade routes, spice market, exploration, Newfoundland, North America,



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19th Century Artwork	<p>Bristol World Trade Map Activity This map activity will give children an understanding of the places that Bristol was trading with all around the world. They will identify locations and add them to a map to see a visual representation of Bristol's expanding trade with the world.</p> <p>Extended Task: What can you find out about Queens Square?</p>	John Cabot, Queen Elizabeth I, plantations, Transatlantic slave trade, abolishment
<p>How did the Bristol docks develop over time?</p> <p>Historical images</p> <p>Maps</p> <p>William Jessop's Plan</p>	<p>Bristol's Docks PowerPoint Presentation The evolution of Bristol's harbours will be explored in this PowerPoint presentation. Children will learn about adaptations made to the harbour system and about the engineers responsible for them.</p> <p>William Jessop Floating Harbour Children will study William Jessop's plan and then answer questions that will help them understand how it worked. This activity will help them understand that a section of the River Avon, that they might think has always been there, was actually a new channel of the river that was built by Jessop.</p> <p>Diamond of Significance Activity Children will be given a selection of images depicting moments from Bristol's history. They will need to identify them and then sort them from most to least important. They will then need to discuss why they have ordered them in the way that they have.</p> <p>Extended Task: Can you find out more about how Brunel's plans for improving the Floating Harbour worked?</p>	Tidal range, high tide, low tide, William Jessop, dam, lock, harbour, Floating Harbour, Isambard Kingdom Brunel, dredger, Avonmouth, SS Great Britain, Great Western Dockyard, steamship, screw propulsion, screw propeller.
<p>What are Bristol docks like today?</p> <p>Historical images</p>	<p>Bristol Docks Today PowerPoint Presentation In this PowerPoint, children will learn about how the docks have changed. They will explore how some of the buildings have been repurposed and what they are used for today.</p> <p>Celebrating our City – Bristol Harbour Festival Activity Children will write a blog article which advertises the annual harbour festival. To create their blog, they will need to apply all that they have learned about the growth of the town into a city and how important the maritime industry was to this growth. Their blog will advertise the festival and educate others as to why it is important to come together to celebrate its heritage and look forward to the future.</p> <p>Timeline of Bristol Docks Activity Children will cut and stick to complete a timeline of Bristol. This activity wraps up everything they have learned over the five questions, allowing for discussing about each stage of Bristol's unique history.</p> <p>Extended Task: Can you find out about the history of one of the buildings that is linked to Bristol's Floating Harbour?</p>	Avonmouth, Royal Portbury, SS Great Britain, Great Western Dockyard, Albion Dockyard, Robinson's Warehouse, The Pump House, Bush House, The Temple Quarter, Valentine Bridge.



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At the end of the local history enquiry, children should be given an opportunity to showcase their learning. Below are some ideas for how the children could present their learning about 'How the Bristol Docks have changed over time.'

Create a Non-Fiction book about Isambard Kingdom Brunel

Build a mini-museum

Create a tour booklet about the Floating Harbour

Opportunities to showcase learning

Build a mock website about the regeneration of Bristol's Temple Quarter

Hold an assembly which tells the story of the SS Great Britain

Create a persuasive brochure that encourages people to explore Bristol's historic locations.

Create a school display about the history of trade in Bristol



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