



Y5 History Knowledge Organiser— Me and My Town



Key Knowledge

Learn these key facts

Worthing

Local area was used for flint mining in the Stone Age with settlements at Highdown.

A hill fort was built at Cissbury during the Iron Age.

During the Roman era Worthing was used mostly for farming.

Worthing slowly grew as a hamlet.

As more important people visited and it developed better transport links to locations like London.



Princess Amelia
Visited in
1798



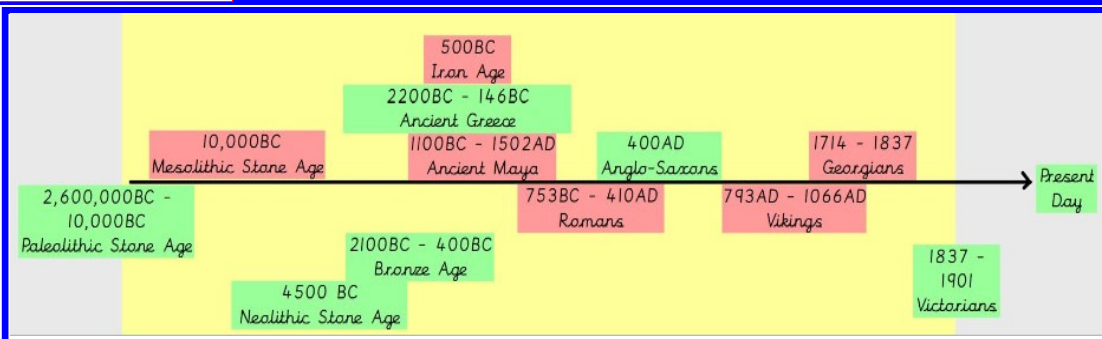
Park Terrace
Part of a terrace
built for Princess
Amelia



Jane Austen
Author
Visited
1805



Oscar Wilde
Playwright
Visited
1894



Key Vocabulary

Understand these key words

Word

Definition

Hamlet

A settlement smaller than a village

Georgian

Something passed down from the period of one of the King Georges

Victorian

Something passed down from the period of the time of Queen Victoria

Economy

The money, trade and business a country has

Development

The improvement of a place, item or person

Leisure

How your free time is used

Commute

The journey from home to work

Commuters

People who travel to work

Resort

A place used for holidays and leisure activities

Primary Source

An original artefact such as a speech, diary, newspaper, helmet, photograph

Secondary Source

An interpretation of primary sources such as a replica home, a documentary, a history book or a poetry analysis.

Typhoid

An infectious fever

Leisure in Worthing

People came to Worthing for sea air and sea bathing. This began as a way to treat illness but became a leisure activity.

People entered wooden carriage on the beaches so they could dress and undress in private. The carriage was then wheeled in to the sea so their bodies wouldn't be seen by others. This protected their modesty.

The sea and local countryside helped inspire authors including Jane Austen and Oscar Wilde.

Because of the celebrities that had stayed in Worthing, it became a popular tourist resort.

Commuting in Worthing

People needed to access Brighton from London as Brighton became a popular town.

In 1845 the railway was extended from Shoreham to Worthing, linking the town by rail with London.

Worthing was often used as a stop off for commuters.

Worthing did not have very big hotels like neighbouring seaside towns, but we had lots of boarding houses for commuters.

People still move to Worthing to live close to the sea and have more space

Famous Figures in Worthing

Princess Amelia:

Began staying in Worthing from August to December 1798

Became unwell at the age of 15 so was sent to Worthing.

Sea air and sea bathing was recommended to help people recover from illnesses.

Her visits made Worthing popular which helped Worthing grow from a hamlet to a town.

Jane Austen:

Author who visited in 1805 and stayed for at least 7 weeks whilst writing Sanditon which was based on Worthing.

Oscar Wilde:

Was a Playwriter who spent two months in Worthing in 1894 where he wrote The Importance of Being Earnest.

Typhoid vs Covid

Typhoid is an infectious fever.

The typhoid epidemic was caused by a lack of clean water.

Began in Worthing in 1893.

Some impacts of Typhoid on Worthing:

- Clean water had to be brought in from Shoreham.
- Over 1,000 people contracted Typhoid.
- 1 in 16 people died.
- A new water pumping station was built in Broadwater.

Both Covid19 and Typhoid had the following effects on Worthing:

- Tourism stopped
- Towns empty
- Business and economy suffered