

Lesson 5

L.I.

To compare the lifestyles of the past with those of today.

I can explain the danger involved in building the railways in the 19th century.

Introduction:

Look at photographs of railway construction in the 21st century.

Talk about the machinery that is used and the safety equipment and measures that are in place to keep people safe.

Questions:

How do they think it would have been different when they were building the railways almost 200 years ago?

What do they think were the most important differences?

Look at photographs of the building of the railways (from the PowerPoint presentation – slide 4)

What was it like?

What were the dangers?

Activity:

Hand out sheet for children to complete.

Resources:

Worksheet 3 (page 26).

Plenary:

Would you have wanted to be a navvy? Why?

Extension Activity

Investigate:

- How much was a navvy paid?
- Where did he live?
- What did he eat?
- How many died building the railways?