



## Y3 Thinking like a historian

### Local History—Transport

#### Key Knowledge:

#### Transport Before the canal and railway:

- People travelled by **horse and cart** or **walked**.
- Roads were **muddy, slow, and expensive**.
- Goods like **wool, grain, and coal** were carried slowly by road.

#### The Kennet & Avon Canal 1810

- A **man-made waterway** linking **London to Bristol**.
- Built to make transport **faster and cheaper** for goods.

#### The Railway Arrives 1841

- The **Great Western Railway** built a line through **Newbury**.
- Trains were **faster than boats** and allowed people to **commute to London**.



Steam train V's canal boat



Newbury 1900's

Word	Meaning
<b>Canal</b>	A man-made river for boats to travel on.
<b>Lock</b>	A section of a canal that raises or lowers boats (like a water staircase!).
<b>Navvy</b>	A worker who built canals and railways (often worked very hard!).
<b>Toll</b>	A fee paid to use a road, bridge, or canal.
<b>Commuting</b>	Travelling to work every day (e.g., by train).
<b>Industrial Revolution</b>	A time when machines and factories changed how things were made.
<b>Goods</b>	Things people buy or sell (e.g., wool, grain, coal).
<b>Trade</b>	Buying and selling goods.

## Learning Questions:

How did transport, like the canal and railway, help Newbury grow and change?

What was the Kennet and Avon canal and why was it called Newbury's "water" highway?

How did the arrival of the railway in Newbury change the way people lived, worked, and travelled, and why was it called a revolution?

How did the canal and railway help Newbury's shops, businesses, and workers?

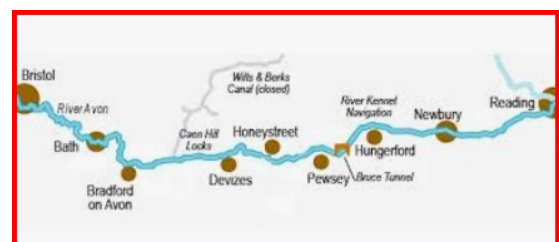
How did the canal and railway change the way people in Newbury lived and worked?

Why is transport still important for Newbury today?

How Transport Changed Britain	
Before	After
Slow, expensive travel	Fast, cheap travel
Local trade only	National and global trade
Horse-drawn carriages	Steam trains and boats
Small towns	Big cities and factories grew



Newbury Train Station—opened 1847



Map of The Kennet & Avon Canal