

Thomas Clarkson

and

The Abolition of Slavery

Notes on the Teacher's Resource Pack

What is the Resource Pack?

A pack to enable teaching and learning about the abolition of slavery with particular reference to Thomas Clarkson and the Wisbech and Fenland Museum at KS 1-3 and for students of Thomas Clarkson and abolition at a higher level.

In the late 18th century small groups of people began to seek an end to the trade in slaves, which had populated the New World, and to an eventual abolition of slavery itself. By the early 19th century many European countries were involved in the movement and acts were passed to stop the trade. But it was a long time before the trade ceased. It also took a long time to emancipate the slaves. Thomas Clarkson was a key player in both ending the slave trade and in the formation of what eventually became known as Anti-Slavery International, an organisation that, regrettably, still has to work to end slavery.

This pack enables you to either teach about the history of slavery, the abolition movement and Thomas Clarkson, as part of a cross-curricular approach, or take separate sections for individual subject work.

Section 1 is addressed to all teachers giving background information with references to the relevant reproductions. It is organised under Key Questions, which are also referred to in the KS3 part of Section 2 (see below)

Section 2 contains teaching ideas for use at Key Stage 1-3, specific information on some of the reproductions, transcripts of letters, timelines, bibliography etc.

Section 3 contains the primary source material - photographs and facsimile documents for use with pupils.

How does it relate to the curriculum?

- The pack contains many documents and ideas that can fit with the National Literacy Strategy. Letters have been transcribed to the same format as the original documents.
- The pack is designed to support History in the National Curriculum at all Key Stages. The resources section contains extensive primary source material.
- The pack provides opportunities to cover other aspects of the National Curriculum, including Science, Design & Technology, IT, Geography, Art and Music.
- The pack addresses multicultural issues and Citizenship and can be used to support PHSE. It gives opportunities throughout the Key Stages, to challenge stereotypes and to promote anti-racist principles.
- The pack is also linked closely to the collections of the Wisbech & Fenland Museum and as such contains material, which can be used to support a study of the town.

As a teacher how could I use the pack?

Key Stage 1 - as a history or cross-curricular topic on Thomas Clarkson.

Step 1. Find the relevant suggestions for classroom use in Section 2

Step 2. Read related parts of the background information in Section 1 'the text'

Step 3. Find the resources in Section 3

For literacy and citizenship links consult parts of Section 2

Key Stage 2 - as a history topic linked to the Victorians, Local History or the Benin, each area includes cross-curricular activities

Step 1. Find the relevant suggestions for classroom use in Section 2

Step 2. Read related parts of the background information in Section 1 'the text'

Step 3. Find the resources in Section 3

For literacy and citizenship links consult parts of Section 2

Key Stage 3 - as part of studies on Britain 1750-circa 1900 the abolition of slavery and the slave trade in the British Empire

Step 1. Decide on the Key Question you wish to cover. The pack content is very broad and it is not expected that you will teach all of it. Choose the key questions and resources that appeal to you, and that fit in with your area of study. For less able pupils teaching ideas can be taken from the frameworks in the Key Stage 2 sections.

Step 2. Find the relevant page of suggestions for classroom use (Section 2)

Step 3. Read related parts of the background information (Section 1 'the text')

Step 4. Find the resources in Section 3

For literacy and citizenship links consult parts of Section 2

Key Stage 4 and students of Thomas Clarkson or abolition

Use the text (Section 1) and resources (Section 3). The text is indexed and a bibliography and list of suggestions for further reading is included in Section 2.

How can I get a copy of the pack?

Contact Wisbech & Fenland Museum, Museum Square, Wisbech, Cambs PE13 1ES
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At the time of writing the cost of this pack is **£25.00** which includes

- 46 page booklet of indexed background information
- 47 page booklet of teaching ideas and resources
- 38 primary source images and documents - some in colour