

LESSON PLAN:

THE IMPACT OF THE PETERLOO MASSACRE



OVERVIEW:

This lesson reflects on the legacy of the Peterloo Massacre and guides students through some of the key events that happened as a consequence. Students are invited to analyse the impact of the Peterloo Massacre and reflect on how protest has changed.

In addition to the slide decks we have also included a knowledge organiser, to familiarise students with new terms and a series of source analysis worksheets. Please use these as you see fit, for suggestions, please see the teacher guidance.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- To understand the consequences of the Peterloo Massacre
- To evaluate the effectiveness of this campaign

SUITABLE FOR:

Age 11-14

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS:

- Knowledge organiser
- Source bank

RESOURCES:

- Slide deck
- Worksheets
- Knowledge organiser
- Source bank
- Peterloo1819.co.uk website

KEY ACTIVITIES:

Most of the activities are built in to the slide deck and should be easy to see. Below is a list of activities that require external resources.

Activity One (slide 38) - What do you think happened next?

Ask students to write down what they think might have happened next and the reason for that. Go around the room and ask students to share these ideas one at a time.

Activity Two (slide 46) - Did they achieve their aims?

Using the website Peterloo1819.co.uk ask students to identify when the original demands of Peterloo protesters were finally met.

Activity Three (slide 50) - #MyPeterloo (optional)

Ask students to identify one issue that they think is really important that they would campaign on today. Using the sheets ask them to tweet, or write to their MP or councillor about the issue.