

LESSON PLAN: THE PETERLOO MASSACRE



OVERVIEW:

This lesson provides students with an overview of the key activities that took place at St Peter's Field. It follows the lives of four people who attended and explore their progress throughout the day.

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 learn about what voting is
- To learn about the Peterloo Massacre

SUITABLE FOR:

Age 7-11

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS:

- Knowledge organiser

RESOURCES:

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

KEY ACTIVITIES:

Below is a list of activities that require external resources with an outline of the associated resources. In addition to these, there are a variety of small activities or reflection questions but these are integrated into the slides and should be easy to follow.

Activity One (slide 13) - Who could vote?

Using the sheet ask the students to identify which of the characters were able to vote in 1819 and why. Ask them to mark which ones they think were represented in parliament.

Activity Two (slide 21) - Film activity

Whilst the students are watching the video (or alternatively just afterwards) ask them to think about the list of reflection questions on the worksheet. After the video is finished ask them to discuss them in small groups.

Activity Three (slide 22) - Creative Writing Activity

Using the worksheet ask the students to reflect upon how it would feel to have to walk home after Peterloo and create a piece of creative writing based on this reflection.