

# SOURCE ACTIVITY

Peterloo Handkerchief



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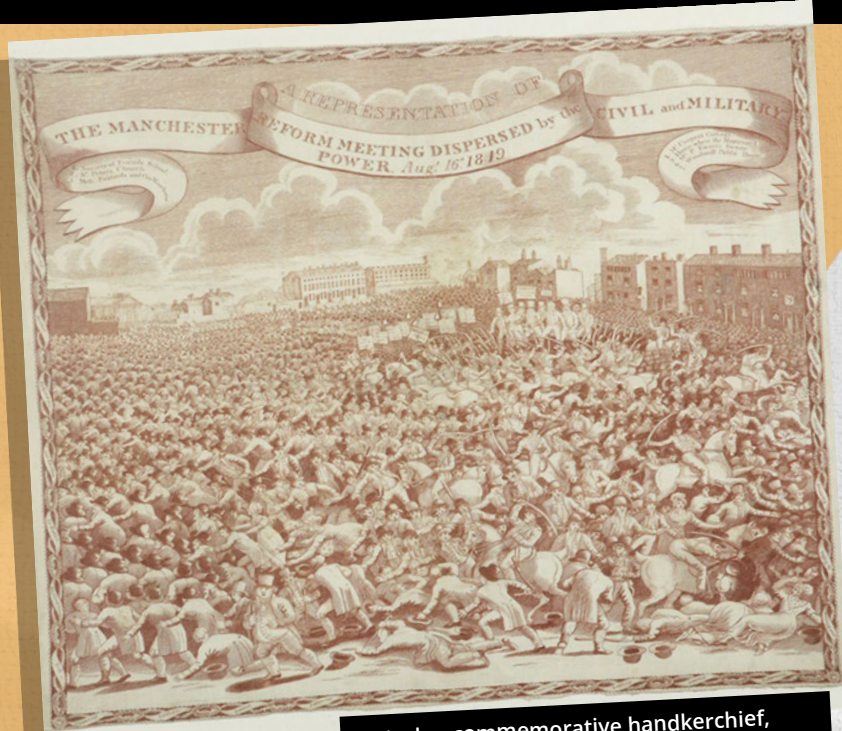
Peterloo commemorative handkerchief,  
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