

Coal

To learn more about coal mining in Sunderland, look closely at the displays and answer these questions.



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Coal which was used for fuel, was dug out of the ground and brought to the surface in huge amounts. Find the piece of coal that weighs 0.5 tonnes and touch it. How does it feel?

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Find the case of lamps and other mining equipment.

Look at the disaster glass.

Why was it sold?

Where was it sold?

Watch the video

It is Bobby's first shift in the coal mine. How would you feel if you had to work here?

happy frightened bored scared

excited worried

What happened to Bobby's father?

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p	m	a	l	j	q	n	m

Can you find these words in the word search.

Coal
Miner
Lamp
Dark
Pony
Trapper

On the wall in the miner's parlour you will find the times listed for the different shifts. What time would the first shift start?

3.30am 5.30am 7.30am

Before the start of the shift the women of the house had to make the miner's 'bait'. What do you think this is?

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Draw the model of the pit head.

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The communities that built up around the mines were very close knit. People helped each other out when times were hard. Can you find out what these two organisations did?

The Co-operative Society

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Sunday School

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A short life?

Look at the doctor's surgery from the Dene House Clinic. Find out about the chances of staying fit and well as a miner during

1830s

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1970s

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Look in the cupboards in the miner's parlour. What hobby did many miners take part in?

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Here is a picture of a miner and his family. Do you think the miner is about to start work? Tick your answer.

YES NO

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As you leave the Coal Gallery you will find a map of the Durham coalfields. Showing all the collieries in the area.

How many collieries were there in 1866 and 1926?

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Which colliery was the nearest to your school?

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