

Transport Through Time

Through role play and gallery investigation explore how Victorian inventions revolutionised travel in London. Trace the evolution of transport and its impact on the people of London.

Key learning enquiry: *How has transport in London changed over time?*

Pupils will learn:

- When the Victorian era was.
- That public transport in London was limited prior to the Victorian era.
- That the Victorian period marked a turning point in the development of transport.
- That public transport is continually evolving to meet the needs of the people of London.
- What it was like travelling on London's first public transport.

KS2: Science, History and Design and Technology

Before your visit

- Create a timeline of significant events during the Victorian times. You will need enough space to add more after your visit to the Museum.
- Create a timeline of significant inventions during Victorian times. You will need enough space to add more after your visit to the Museum.

After your visit

- Add images of the different vehicles you investigated at the Museum to your timeline (see the images provided).
- Write newspaper articles about each vehicle as if they are a brand new invention.
- Write a diary entry as a Victorian passenger travelling on each vehicle for the first time.
- Research and compare the vehicles to their modern day equivalents.
- Top Trumps – create ‘top trumps’ card for each vehicle using the template provided. Which vehicle comes out on top? How do the Victorian inventions compare to today’s transport?

Explore our [Future Engineering Wonders webpage](#) for more information

Suggested reading and website links

Read and watch videos to explore steam trains:

<http://www.petersrailway.com/How-Steam-Trains-Work.aspx>

Read books about trains:

- *Freedom Train* by Coleman, Evelyn (KS2)
- *The Polar Express* by Van Allsburg, Chris (KS1/KS2)
- *Railroad John and the Red Rock Run* by Crunk, Tony (KS1/KS2)
- *John Blair and the Great Hinckley Fire* by Nobisso, Josephine (KS2)



Omnibus 1829



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Steam Underground 1863



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Horse Tram 1882



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Electric Tram 1910



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Transport Top Trumps

Example

Santander Cycle



Top speed: 10 miles per hour

Comfort: 3

Passengers: 1

Environmental friendliness: 10



Top speed:

Comfort

Passengers

Environmental friendliness:



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