

# Lesson 3

## C/R Literacy

(Offer evidence for their views and consider alternative opinions).

(Argumentative writing)

## L.I.

To communicate their understanding of the benefits and disadvantages of the railways.

## Introduction:

Start by discussing the idea that people can still object to changes that will be made within a town. Can they think of any?

Explain that people were opposed to the idea of the railways coming to Wolverton.

## Questions:

Why do they think this might be?

Why would people oppose the new industry?

What would be the major changes that would happen?

## Activity:

Make a list of the 'pros' and 'cons' of the railways.

## Plenary:

Discuss the pros and cons that the children have come up with and write them on the board.

Ask children to decide where their opinions lie.

## Extension Activity:

Look at Census return for 1841 and find out the occupations that most people had.

Look at originals and transcripts.

Compare the two and then try and decipher the original on your own.