



# How did Middlesbrough come to be known as 'Ironopolis'?

Enquiry Question	Sources	Activities	Vocabulary
How did Middlesbrough begin?	Maps	<p><b>How did Middlesbrough begin? PowerPoint Presentation</b></p> <p>This presentation will introduce the history of the area and explain how Middlesbrough was founded.</p> <p><b>Middlesbrough Viking Names Activity</b></p> <p>Children will use maps to identify places in and around Middlesbrough that have Viking names. They will learn some of the different Viking words that appear in place names today.</p> <p><b>Local History Timeline Sorting Activity</b></p> <p>This timeline activity will ask children to use their knowledge of chronology to sort significant discoveries into the historical order that they occurred.</p> <p><b>Extended Task: Can you find out more about one of the artefacts or historical sites discovered in the local area?</b></p>	Middlesbrough, River Tees, Tees Valley, Mesolithic, Middle Stone Age, Neolithic, New Stone Age, Bronze Age, Iron Age, Roman, Anglo-Saxon, Viking, priory, Mydilsburgh, chronological.
Why did the port change the area?	<p>1800s Stockton and Middlesbrough Map</p> <p>Coal Records from 1825 – 1833</p> <p>1821 Railway Map</p> <p>Various Paintings and Photographs</p>	<p><b>Middlesbrough Growth Information PowerPoint</b></p> <p>In this PowerPoint, children will learn about what turned the Middlesbrough farming homestead into a town of more than 5,000 people. They will discover how the industrial revolution led to an increase in desire for coal and how this propelled the growth of the area.</p> <p><b>Comparing Impact of Growth in Middlesbrough Activity</b></p> <p>Children will complete a table, writing down how three key factors influenced the growth of Middlesbrough. They will then decide which they think was the most influential, using the table to support their thinking.</p> <p><b>Train departs for Port Darlington! Newspaper Article Activity</b></p> <p>Children will need to use the supplied information sheet to plan and write their own newspaper article about the day the first train departed for Port Darlington from Stockton. A WAGOLL is included to assist in teaching.</p> <p><b>Extended Task: Can you find out how a staithe works?</b></p>	Hamlet, coal, docks, railway, Port Darlington, Stockton Railway, Industrial Revolution, Joseph Pease, collieries, River Tees, Stockton,
How did a discovery in the Cleveland Hills impact Middlesbrough?	<p>Geological Map</p> <p>John Vaughan Biography</p> <p>Census Data</p>	<p><b>Cleveland Ironstone PowerPoint Presentation</b></p> <p>This presentation will explain how the iron industry came to be in Middlesbrough and how the discovery of Cleveland ironstone helped the industry develop rapidly.</p> <p><b>John Vaughan Biography</b></p> <p>Children can read this biography to learn more about one of the most important men in Middlesbrough's history and how he and his business partner brought the iron industry to the town.</p>	



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**Geology of North Yorkshire Activity**  
 This engaging activity will ask children to locate the important Cleveland Ironstone seam from a 19th century geological map. They will then transfer it to a modern map, so they can see where it was in relation to places that they know.

**Middlesbrough Population Growth Activity**  
 This population growth activity will take a statistical look at how Middlesbrough grew as a result of the iron industry.

**Extended Task:** Can you write a biography for Henry Bolckow? He became Middlesbrough's first mayor in 1853 and paid for the construction of a school and park that can still be seen in the town today.

Cleveland Ironstone, Cleveland Hills, John Vaughan, Henry Bolckow, ironworks, quarry, Eston Nab, Eston Hills, Bolckow Vaughan & Co. Ltd, smelting, iron, steel, blast furnace, population.

Why was a new railway station opened in 1877?

1900s Middlesbrough Railway Photographs  
  
Modern Day Photographs  
  
Maps from 1857 and 1895.

**History of Middlesbrough Train Station Information PowerPoint**  
 In this PowerPoint, children will learn about the history of the train station in Middlesbrough. They will discover how the boom in industry increased population in the area and how this, in return, made it a requirement for a larger, improved train station.

**Comparing History – Photo Pack**  
 This pack contains 4 historical photos of Middlesbrough's train station and dock area, alongside four modern photos. They will discuss and compare the differences between the photos, helping to bring history to life.

**Architect Wanted! Job Advert Activity**  
 Children will put themselves in the shoes of the Mayor of Middlesbrough during the early 1870s. They will need to write a job advert looking for a new architect to build a train station in the town. They will apply what they have learned about the growth of the city and mention why this is an important and necessary job.

**Extended Task:** What can you find out about the trains from this time period?

Middlesbrough Station, Commercial Street, William Peachey, Ironopolis,



How did Middlesbrough 'build the world'?

Photographs from around the world.

**Ironopolis PowerPoint Presentation**  
 This presentation will give children an idea of Middlesbrough's influence on the wider world through the iron produced there. It will give children a sense of pride in their home town.

**Made in Middlesbrough Map Activity**  
 Children will use their geography and research skills to map out eight selected locations from around the world that contain a structure made using steel from the Middlesbrough area.

**Made in Middlesbrough Fact File Activity**  
 Children will produce mini fact files on the eight locations that they mapped during the previous activity. A blank fact file is included if you wanted to investigate other structures as a class and use the results to create an engaging display.

**Extended Task:** Which moment in Middlesbrough's history is the most defining? 

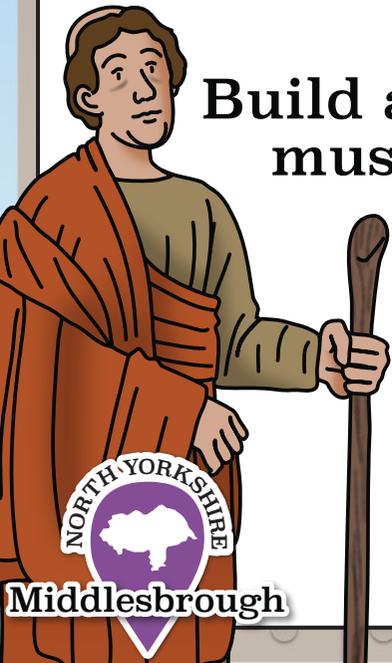
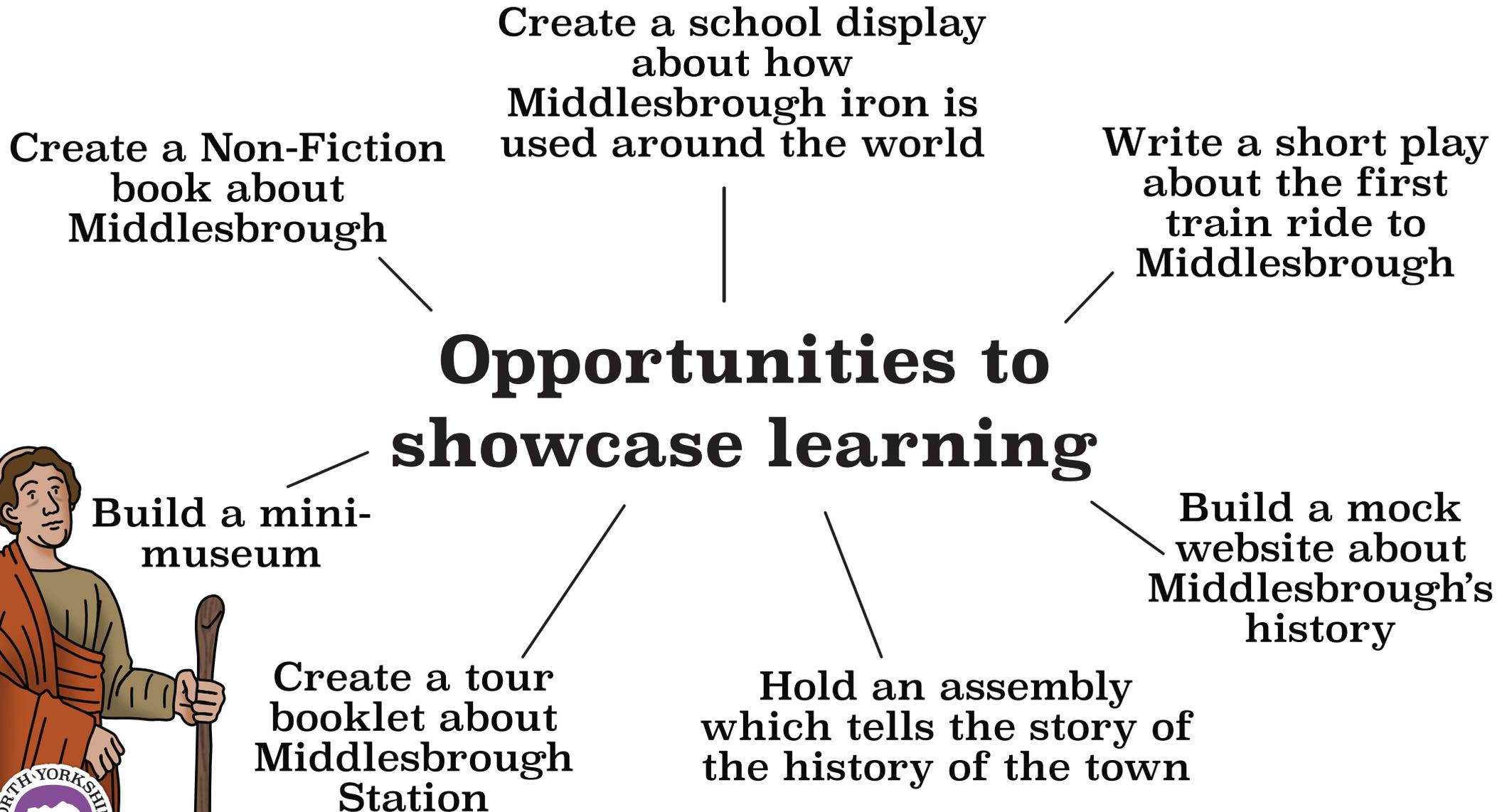
Arthur Dorman, Dorman Long, West Marsh Iron Works, Tees Transporter Bridge, Ironopolis,





## How did Middlesbrough come to be known as 'Ironopolis'?

At the end of the local history enquiry, children should be given an opportunity to showcase their learning. Below are some ideas for how the children could present their learning about 'How did Middlesbrough come to be known as **Ironopolis**'?



# Local History

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