

# ? How has Swindon changed over time?

Enquiry Question	Sources	Activities	Vocabulary
<p><b>Who were the first people to live in the Swindon area?</b></p>	<p>Aerial Photography Henge Outlines Bronze Age finds Roman finds Maps</p>	<p><b>Early Swindon Information PowerPoint</b> In this PowerPoint children will discover the earliest signs of life in the area around Swindon. From the discovery of a woolly mammoth graveyard to a Roman goddess – each period has a unique find for the children to learn about and unlock the secrets of the past.</p> <p><b>Coate Stone Circles Comparison Activity</b> In this activity children will compare the Coate Stone Circles to those at Stonehenge and Stanton Drew. They will learn about each sites differences, locate where they are and consider their importance to people living in the area at the time they were in use.</p> <p><b>Groundwell Ridge Artefact Analysis</b> In this activity children will analyse 5 different Roman objects that were discovered during the archaeological dig at Groundwell Ridge. They will match the items to what they think they are and then write what they think this item tells us about Roman life in the area.</p> <p><b>Extended Task: What other Roman discoveries have been made near Swindon?</b></p>	<p>Palaeolithic, neanderthal, neolithic, stone henge, coate stone circle, rushy platt, barrow, Liddington castle, groundwell ridge.</p>
<p><b>What impact did the Goddard family have on Swindon?</b></p>	<p>1673 Residents List Maps Aerial Photography Historical Photographs Domesday Book</p>	<p><b>Goddard Family Information PowerPoint</b> In this PowerPoint children will learn about the Goddard family – a family who had a great deal of influence in Swindon during the Tudor period. They will discover what influence the family had on the area and learn how they impacted the growth of the town.</p> <p><b>Residents 1673 Activity</b> In this activity the children will analyse a rare document which contained the names of all the men and boys living in Swindon in 1673.</p> <p><b>1773 and Modern Map Activity</b> In this activity the children will compare a 1773 map to a modern-day map and think about the things that have changed or stayed the same. They will see what they can learn from analysing maps.</p> <p><b>Extended Task: Can you find out more about the Lawns estate? What is it like today?</b></p>	<p>Domesday book, Suindune, The Lawns Estate, Thomas Goddard, militia.</p>
<p><b>What was the impact of the railways on Swindon?</b></p>	<p>Photographs Engravings Population data Census data</p>	<p><b>Swindon's Railway Heritage PowerPoint</b> This PowerPoint presentation will explain how and why the railway came to Swindon, the impact that it had and the legacy that it left behind. Children will come to understand how important the railway was to the development of Swindon.</p> <p><b>Swindon Population</b> Using population information taken from historical census data, children will analyse a graph and identify trends. Using carefully scaffolded questions, they will make the link between the arrival of the railway and population growth</p>	<p>Railway, Daniel Gooch, Isambard Kingdom Brunel, New Swindon, Old Swindon, Great Western Railway, canal,</p>



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**Census Data**  
 Children will analyse census data to find out about the people who lived on London Street in 1891. It will give them an understanding of how important the railway was and how it attracted people to Swindon.

**Extended Task: Can you learn more about an important Swindon building that is associated with the railway?**

GWR Works, locomotive, Railway Village.

**How did the World Wars impact Swindon?**

Photographs  
Newspaper article  
Commonwealth Graves Website

**Swindon World Wars PowerPoint**  
 This presentation will explain the role that Swindon played in World War 1 and World War 2 as well as the impact that the conflicts had.

**Research a War Hero with explanatory PowerPoint**  
 This activity will ask children to research a war hero from Swindon. The accompanying **How to use the CWG Website PowerPoint** will explain to children how they can find information about soldiers from Swindon who died at war.

**Comparing the World Wars**  
 By filling in the provided table, children will compare and contrast the impact of the World Wars on Swindon.

**Extended Task: Can you learn more about the work that the GWR Works did during the wars?**

World War 1, World War 2, The Wiltshire Regiment, ambulance train, Red Cross Hospital, cenotaph, evacuees, air raid, Spitfire.

**How has Swindon changed since World War 2?**

**Swindon Post 1945 PowerPoint**  
 Children will learn about what happened in Swindon after the wars – from huge housing developments, the loss of railway jobs and the new industries that have moved into the area. They will see how the population changed and how Swindon became the town they know and love today.

**Visit Swindon Booklet**  
 In this activity children will create their own visitor booklet for Swindon. They will need to choose 3 sites that they have learned about in the PowerPoint and then include information about why these locations are important in Swindon's history.

**Swindon Comparison Photography**  
 In this activity children will compare 6 photos showing an area within Swindon in the past and today. They will need to use their detective skills to see what remains the same and what has changed within each photograph.

**Extended Task: Can you find photographs of your street or neighbourhood and see what's changed?**

Great Western Railway, Brunel Centre, Magic Roundabout, New Eastern Villages,



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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 Swindon.

### Build a mini-Museum

Create a Non-Fiction book about the railway in Swindon.

Create a tour booklet about the Coate Stone Circle.

Create a school display about the Goddard family.

## Opportunities to showcase learning

Create an information booklet about one of Swindon's important historical buildings.

Hold an assembly which explains how the railway was key to Swindon's growth.

Build a mock website about Swindon during the Wars.

