



Protecting the Tyne: South Shields during the First World War

Lesson Plan: South Shields during the First World War

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| Teacher/s | Date |
| Subject History / Geography | Year |
| Learning Objectives Understand historical concepts such as continuity and change and use them to make connections. Understand how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources. | Success Criteria The children will have a greater understanding of the geography of South Shields during the First World War and consider how the community has changed. |
| Key Questions What was South Shields like during the First World War? What local industries can be identified from the OS map? What part might these have played in the war? | |
| Starter Activity/Introduction Show the map on the white board and if possible print as an A3 sheet for easier reading. Discuss the features the children recognise on the map, e.g. railway lines, dark shaded blocks for buildings, River Tyne, trees in parks, dotted beaches. Identify the site of Hadrian Primary and the old Baring Street Schools by the Roman Park. Make a pictorial key to the map. | Resources 3 rd Edition 6 inch OS map 1920 |
| Main Activity Think like a spy hunting for targets for a raid by German warships or Zeppelins. Make a list of local industries and how they were important to the war effort using the Agent's report sheet. The map - shows the importance of coal and shipbuilding: St Hilda and Westoe collieries, railway lines to pits, Harton coal staiths, shipyards, engine and boiler works, graving docks. | Resources 3 rd Edition 6 inch OS map 1920 Spy Report sheet. |
| Plenary Discuss how the Law Top and central Shields have changed since the First World War. Identify features that remain: St Stephen's Church, Arbeia Fort, much of Baring Street. Locate new features too. Where is Morrisons Supermarket, the new Library, riverside developments like Captain's Wharf? | Resources 3 rd Edition 6 inch OS map 1920 |





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Identify your targets for a Zeppelin attack or a coastal raid by German warships





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Agent

Secret Report on the industries of South Shields.
For the Attention of Peter Strasser, Commander
Naval Airship Division.

| Name of Industry | This Industry produces | This is useful to the British because... |
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