

KS2 Learning Framework

3a. Equiano's visit to the North East

KS2 Reading, Writing, Literacy, History

- Retrieve, record and present information from non-fiction. Draft and write by selecting appropriate grammar and vocabulary, understanding how such choices can change and enhance meaning. Pupils should be taught about the lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements.
- I can create a timeline of using events from a historical individual's life. I can use information from a person's life to create a playscript. I can show the events of Equiano's life and understand the importance of what he did.

KS2 Maths

- Solve problems involving the calculation and conversion of units of measure. Understand and use approximate equivalences between metric units and common imperial units.
- I can convert fathoms into metric measurements.

Literacy, History

This one-page comic is full of information. Using this page as a source, adapt Equiano's Newcastle story as:

- a timeline of events. What happened first? Remember that Equiano had to write his book before going on his book tour!
- a stage play. Do you have to include everything from every speech bubble? What stage directions do you need? What scenery and props do you need?

There is a lot of information about Equiano's later life and work in Britain, but parts of his early life remain a mystery. Some people think Equiano was born in Africa, others think he was born in America.

Professor Carey has compared the evidence in this table <http://www.brycchancarey.com/equiano/nativity.htm>. Which sources do you trust? Why? Looking at the evidence, where do you think Equiano was born?

Maths, History

What's the name of the colliery Equiano visited? Does it still exist?

- Map of St Anthony's colliery: <http://twsitelines.info/SMR/6941>
- How far underground does Equiano go? [90 fathoms]
- A fathom is an old measurement based on outstretched arms. 1 fathom = 6 feet, or 1.83 metres. How far is 90 fathoms in metres?

What are the modern 'wonders of Tyneside'? Imagine you have an important visitor. Make a 24hour plan for the visit.

Find out more about the history of mining in the North East. You could start with this sad story of men and boys trapped in a mine in Heaton <http://archivesalive.ncl.ac.uk/amazing/candle-box-engraving/>

Summary of comic: Book tour visit by Olaudah Equiano in the context of Quaker opposition to NE products forming part of the transatlantic slave trade. Equiano's story inspires local abolitionists, who show their guest the finest wonders of Tyneside: visit to St Anthony's Colliery to see the latest technology.

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Read online:

<http://research.ncl.ac.uk/fccomics/chapters/freedomfromslavery.html>

