KS2 Reading, Writing, Literacy, History

- Draft and write by selecting appropriate grammar and vocabulary, understanding how such choices can change and enhance meaning.
- I can create a news report based on events from history.

KS2 Maths, History, Citizenship

- Round any number to the nearest 10, 100 or 1000. Identify, represent and estimate numbers using different representations.
- I can round crowd numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. I can show my understanding of why this is useful in different situations.

KS2 Art

- Improve mastery of art and design techniques.
- I can use different drawing techniques to represent a person.

Miners: Literacy, History, Maths

Dates and numbers:

- When was the miners' mass demonstration on the Town Moor? [12th April 1873]
- How many miners attended? [reports from the time say over 40,000]
- Is this an accurate number? Why do we round off to 10/100/1000/... [less accurate but easier to use quickly]

Find out more:

- Modern ways to estimate crowd sizes https://blog.education.nationalgeographic.com/2017/01/23/how-are-crowd-sizes-determined/
- 2017 US Presidential inauguration crowd size photos https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2017/3/7/14843204/new-photos-park-service-obama-inauguration-bigger-trump

Film your own report of the miners' demonstration on the Town Moor. How will you show crowds? Use a storyboard template from our resource pack to plan your video.

Joseph Cowen: Art, History

Cowen was drawn by many political caricaturists. Our resource pack has some examples from the 1870s-1880s from Special Collections, Newcastle University Library.

The art in this comic was inspired by the style of Sergio Toppi. Can you see this comic's similarities with Toppi's detailed line work?

Compare this with the 1800s examples of Cowen caricatures. Talk about:

- pencil shading or clear ink lines
- Which style of drawing do you prefer?
- Which style is more flattering?
- Which style of cartooning do you find clearer to read?
- Does the artwork get in the way of the message, or does it help communicate a message?

Find out more about Cowen: http://www.ncl.ac.uk/library/special-collections/explore/current-and-past-exhibitions/very_truly_yours/very_truly_yours.pdf (pp.18-22)

Summary of comic: Joseph Cowen was MP for Newcastle (1874-1886). He helped secure votes for miners who were disenfranchised because of living in tithed cottages, not property owners. Cowen's statue is on Westgate Road.

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Read online: http://research.ncl.ac.uk/fccomics/chapters/therighttopoliticalparticipation.html