



History

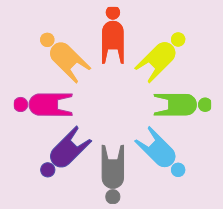
Year 6

Coming to Leeds

Who has come to Leeds over the years, and why?



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Essential knowledge

Leeds began as a Saxon village. By the time of the Domesday Book (1086), it had a population of around 200. By the standards of the time, Leeds was quite a large village. Then in 1207 the Lord of the Manor, Maurice De Gant, founded a new town at Leeds. Leeds grew much larger in the 16th century. That was mainly due to the rapid growth of a woollen cloth industry in the town. The amount of cloth made in Leeds boomed and the population soared. During the Victorian era, the opening of Marks and Spencer and Burtons also brought people to the city seeking job opportunities. Many others came to flee persecution or start a new life. This led to many changes in the city, such as the start of the Leeds West Indian Carnival.



Speak like a Historian

Carnival - An annual festival, involving processions, music, dancing, and the use of masquerade.

Refugee - A person who has been forced to leave their country in order to escape war, persecution, or natural disaster.

Immigration - The act of coming to live permanently in a foreign country.

Emigration - The act of leaving one's own country to settle permanently in another.

Population - All the inhabitants of a particular place.

Citizen - An inhabitant of a particular town or city.

Key questions

What contributed towards Leeds becoming a successful city that made people want to live here?

What were the different reasons that explain why large groups emigrated to Leeds?

What was the significance of people coming to Leeds?

What impact did that have on our city and how does this effect the lives of those who live here today?

Significant people

Thomas Arthur Benjamin France was born in Mount Lily Village on the Caribbean island Nevis, on Monday 16 September 1935. In 1957, at the age of 21, Arthur France travelled to Leeds in England to be with his sister Elaine who had emigrated some years earlier. In August 1967, after years of research and planning, Arthur France founded the first West Indian Carnival in Europe. Arthur has also actively kept up his community engagement work across Leeds, and in 2020 spoke at one of the city's Black Lives Matter protests.



Substantive concepts

- Democracy and rights
- Movement of People

Timeline



Stone Age to Iron Age
5000BC-500AD



Ancient Egypt
3100-30BC



Ancient Greece
800-323BC



Romans
AD43-410



Benin
900-1897AD



The Great Fire of London
1666



Victorian period
1837-1901



World War 2
1939-1945



Moon Landing
1969