



My local area - What industrial and Commercial landmarks and events have shaped our local area?

What should I already know?

- The black country gained its name in the mid-nineteenth century because of the smoke from the iron foundries.
- Dudley is known for its very own Zoo and Castle.
- The black country built the world's first successful steam engine.

- Black Country is the area where the coal seam comes to the surface - so West Bromwich, Oldbury, Blackheath, Cradley Heath, Old Hill, Bilston, Dudley, Tipton, Wednesfield and parts of Halesowen, Wednesbury and Walsall, Stourbridge and Smethwick or what used to be known as Warley.

Key Facts

The Black Country is an area of the West Midlands, England, west of Birmingham<sup>[2]</sup> and commonly refers to a region of more than one million people covering most of the four Metropolitan

Boroughs of Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton.<sup>[3]</sup> During the Industrial Revolution, it became one of the most industrialised parts of the UK with coal mines, coking, iron foundries, glass factories, brickworks and steel mills producing a high level of air pollution.



Key Facts

The anchor for the Titanic was made in Netherton near Dudley, by the local firm Hingley's. It was transported from it's factory to Dudley Train Station in May 1911, from where it travelled onto the ill-fated ship.



Key Facts

The Black Country produced great inventors, philanthropists, authors, artists and industrialists. Here are the names of some of them;

- [Jerome K Jerome](#) (1859-1927)
- [Sir James Timmins Chance](#) (1814-1902)



The geology of the Black Country has been very important in shaping its history. The natural resources found under the ground have brought wealth to the area for hundreds of years. Limestone layers were laid down millions of years ago when the area was part of a shallow sea. The shells of millions of tiny creatures compacted to form the limestone. Coal was formed from the remains of prehistoric trees. Fossil remains such as ammonites, corals and trilobites

Key Vocabulary

Word	Definition
Revolution	A forcible overthrow of a government or social order, in favour of a new
Industrial	A broad term to describe all aspects of <b>industry</b> or a company engaged in <b>industry</b> through the manufacture of products, such as <b>industrial</b> workers,
Factories	A building or group of buildings where goods are manufactured or assembled chiefly by machine.
Steel	A hard, strong grey or bluish-grey alloy of iron with carbon and usually other elements, used as a structural and fabricating
Metropolitan	Relating to or denoting a metropolis or large city.
Iron foundry	A workshop or factory for casting iron or iron alloys.
Pollution	The presence in or introduction into the environment of a substance which has harmful or poisonous effects.
Industry	Economic activity concerned with the processing of raw materials and manufacture of goods in factories.
Mines	An excavation in the earth for extracting coal or other minerals.