



History Knowledge Organiser Year 3- Mining

- Coal is one of the world's main sources of power. It is a rock that can be burned to provide electricity and fuel.
- Coal is a fossil fuel, which makes it a non-renewable source of energy.



Factual knowledge- Woodhorn Colliery.

Almost 2,000 men and women worked at the Woodhorn Coal Mine, from the sinking of the first shaft in 1894 to the closure of the shafts linking to Ashington Colliery in 1986. Coal was mined between 1898 and 1966, then Ashington Colliery until 1981. At its peak, 600,000 tons of coal were produced each year.

KEY VOCABULARY

Coal-	A flammable black or dark brown rock consisting mainly of carbonized plant matter.
Mining-	The process of obtaining coal or other minerals from a mine.
Colliery-	A coalmine and the buildings and equipment associated with it.
Non-renewable energy-	Once this resourced is used, it cannot be replaced.
Pit pony-	A pony that hauled loads in a coal mine.
Electricity-	The flow of electrical power or charge.
Industry-	Financial activity concerned with the processing of raw materials and manufacture of goods in factories.
The Miners' strike-	Thousands of coal miners left their pits in complain.
Steam Engine-	An engine that uses the expansion or rapid condensation of steam to generate power.



Factual knowledge

- In Victorian times, children as young as five were being used to mine coal. This was very dangerous.
- In 1842, a law was passed to stop women and children under 10 from working in mines.
- This led to companies using pit ponies to help pull heavy loads of coal. By 1913, around 70,000 pit ponies were at work.