

Key Vocabulary:



coalfield – An area where coal is mined.



colliery – A coal mine, its buildings and machines.



county – Areas of land which contain cities, towns and villages. We live in the county of Derbyshire.



Davy lamp – A safety lamp invented to reduce the risk of gas explosions.



fossil fuel – A natural fuel such as coal or gas which has formed from rotting plants and animals over millions of years.



Industrial Revolution – A time when new machinery was invented that made daily jobs much easier than done by hand. Many of these machines were powered by coal.



natural gas – A flammable fuel found underground.



non-renewable energy – A source of energy that comes from fuels that cannot be replaced once it has been used.

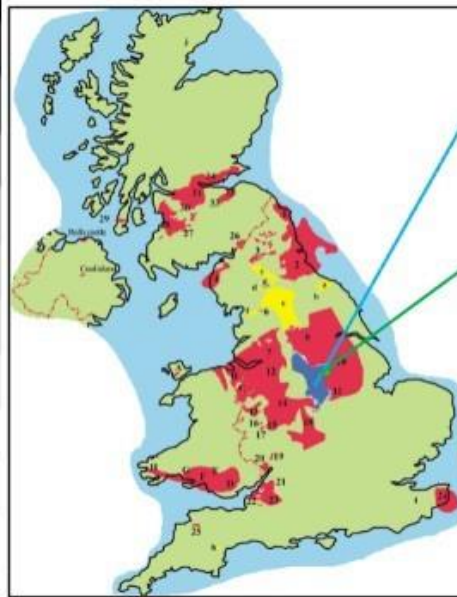


renewable energy – A source of energy that can be produced as quickly as it is used.



strike – To refuse to work as a form of protest against an employer, usually due to working conditions, pay or job losses.

Know Your Place – Derbyshire coalfields



A map of the coalfields (red, yellow and blue) in the United Kingdom of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Derbyshire (county)

Scarcliffe (village)

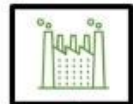


A map of the Derbyshire collieries (red circles) located around Chesterfield and our local area.

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Mining in the United Kingdom timeline:



1837
Queen Victoria reign begins, and lasts until her death in 1901.



1843
Charles Dickens publishes "A Christmas Carol".



1914
World War I begins. Ends in 1918.



1939
World War II begins. Ends in 1945.



1952
Our current queen, Elizabeth II begins her reign.



2020
Present day.

1760
The Industrial Revolution begins. Coal mining is needed to fuel engines.

1816
The Davy lamp is used for the first time.



1842
The Mines and Collieries act is passed.



1911
Canaries are used to detect gas for the first time.



1926
The General Strike begins.



1943
"Bevin Boys" work in coal mines during the second world war.

1945
National union of mineworkers is formed.

1950
Coal mining begins to decline.



1972 and 1984
Miners strike against poor pay and pit closures.

2015
The last coal mine in Britain closes.

2017
Britain goes a full day without using coal power for the first time since 1760.

