

## Session Plan

### Railways

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| Topics covered    | Industrial revolution, steam power, Amersham-on-the-Hill history, map reading, current events, debate, HS2   |
| Recommended ages* | KS1-4  |
| Curriculum links* | History, Geography, Travel & Tourism   |
| Session overview  | <p><i>For younger groups</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss what steam trains are and how steam power works (15 mins)</li> <li>• Look at historic maps of Amersham at the time of the coming of the railway and compare this to modern maps of the area (20 mins)</li> <li>• Map reading skills (keys, legends, contour lines) (40 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Map-reading bingo</li> <li>○ Plan own railway line on a map</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><i>For older groups</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Look at historic maps of Amersham at the time of the coming of the railway and compare this to modern maps of the area (20 mins)</li> <li>• Map reading skills (keys, legends, contour lines) (20 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Plan own railway line on a map as a group</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Talk about the Tyrwhitt-Drakes and their opposition to the historic railway, compare this to HS2 (40 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ HS2 debate for and against</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| Resources needed  | <p><i>For younger groups</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Live steam model</li> <li>• Historic and modern maps of Amersham</li> <li>• Map keys/legends</li> <li>• Individual map worksheets</li> <li>• Pens/pencils</li> </ul> <p><i>For older groups</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Historic and modern maps of Amersham</li> <li>• Map keys/legends</li> <li>• Large map worksheet</li> <li>• Marker pens</li> <li>• HS2 factsheets</li> <li>• Pens/pencils and paper</li> </ul>   |