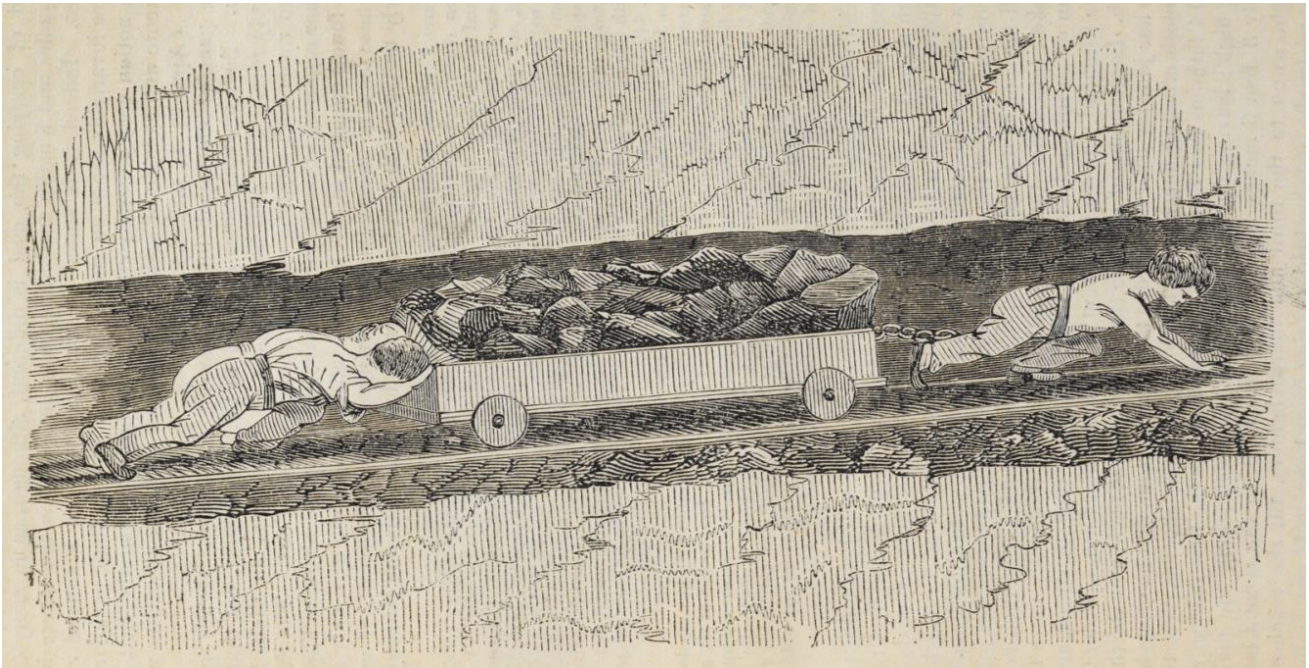


Children working underground - what can you see?

Name:

Date:

We can use old images to tell us what it was like working underground in the coalmines. In 1842, a government report described the working conditions for children in the coalmines of the British Isles. Boys between 9 and 16 years of age were employed to push coal carriages through the mines. This woodcut image shows three children working underground in a coalmine.



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Using **SATO** questions:

Senses

1. Name three things you can see in the image

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2. What sounds do you think would you hear if you were there?

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3. What do you think would you smell if you were there?

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Action

4. What action is taking place in the image?

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5. What could be going on to the left and right of the scene?

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Time

6. What do you think happened /might have happened before this image?

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7. What do you think happened / might have happened next?

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8. How do you think this place might have changed since 1842?

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Overall

9. Write three sentences to describe the scene in this old woodcut image.

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This resource is one of a group of resources for KS1, 2 and 3 on the subject of the Somerset Coal Canal and coalfield.

More information from the [Somersetshire Coal Canal Society](http://www.somersetshirecoalcanal.org.uk).

