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The Somerset Coal canal was once a very important canal carrying coal from the mines of the Somerset coalfield to the south of England and London. Complete the following tasks.

1. Locate and label Somerset on the map of southern England below.
2. Locate and label London on the map below.



Southern England

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3. Cut out the boxes of text below. Your teacher will now read you four sentences about the Somerset Coal canal. Join the sentences together to match what you hear.

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Teachers notes

Provide children with the worksheet on page two below and ask them to complete the three activities.

For the third activity, the children will need to cut up the boxes of text ready for joining together in the correct order. Read the following text out for them, allowing enough time for the children to work out which sections go where and to stick them in place in their books. Children should then stick the text together to match what has been read out.

Text:

1. Coal was moved by horse and cart before the canal was built.
2. John Rennie and William Smith surveyed the route.
3. The canal was built between 1794 and 1805 and connected Paulton and Radstock to the Kennet and Avon canal at Dundas.
4. The railways took the coal away from the canal as it was cheaper and the canal closed in 1904.



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](#).