

# Changing Times

## The Georgians Worksheet

Find the answer to these questions using the *Changing Times* web information on the Georgians.

### Homes

- Who were the newly rich people of the eighteenth century? \_\_\_\_\_
- Who had Soho House, in Birmingham, built? \_\_\_\_\_
- Which ancient culture influenced the design of eighteenth century houses? \_\_\_\_\_

### Events

- What sort of discussions took place in the new coffee houses?  
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- What big insurance organisation started in a coffee house? \_\_\_\_\_
- Why was the first balloon ascent momentous? \_\_\_\_\_

### Transport

- The eighteenth century was the hey day for which type of transport?  
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➤ By how much had the journey shortened from Birmingham to London during the eighteenth century? \_\_\_\_\_

➤ How could people tell how far they were travelling? \_\_\_\_\_

➤ How were heavy goods transported about the country? \_\_\_\_\_

### **Farming (Agriculture)**

➤ What was said to have taken place in farming during the eighteenth century? \_\_\_\_\_

➤ What did farmers and landowners do with the extra money they made from farming? \_\_\_\_\_

➤ How were animals improved? \_\_\_\_\_

### **Clothes**

➤ How long were men's jackets/coats? \_\_\_\_\_

➤ What did men wear at their necks? \_\_\_\_\_

➤ What did men wear on their heads? \_\_\_\_\_

➤ What held ladies skirts out at the sides? \_\_\_\_\_

## Warfare

- Where did the army mostly fight in the eighteenth century? \_\_\_\_\_
- What type of gun was used in the eighteenth century? \_\_\_\_\_

## Industry

- What provided the power for the early manufactories? \_\_\_\_\_
- What new sort of power developed? \_\_\_\_\_
- What is the name of a water mill near Birmingham? \_\_\_\_\_
- What was the first spinning machine called? \_\_\_\_\_
- Who developed this machine into a spinning frame? \_\_\_\_\_
- What new textile was introduced at the end of the century? \_\_\_\_\_

## Inventions

- What did Thomas Newcomen invent? \_\_\_\_\_
- Who spectacularly improved the steam engine? \_\_\_\_\_
- What change was there in the source of power used? \_\_\_\_\_
- What new things did Josiah Wedgwood introduce into the pottery

industry? \_\_\_\_\_

## Religion

- Who founded Methodism? \_\_\_\_\_
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- Which section of society did Methodism appeal to? \_\_\_\_\_

## The not so rich

- Why could people be thrown into poverty very suddenly?
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- What places existed for those with no money to go to? \_\_\_\_\_

- What jobs were found for pauper children? \_\_\_\_\_

## Animals

- What improvements were made in cattle breeding? \_\_\_\_\_

- How were British cattle thought of in the rest of the world?
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## Medicine

- Who made inoculation popular? \_\_\_\_\_
- How did Jenner test his theories? \_\_\_\_\_

## Time

- Why did measuring time become important? \_\_\_\_\_
- Who invented a chronometer to use on ships? \_\_\_\_\_

## Women

- What was it now accepted for rich girls to do? \_\_\_\_\_
- Why were larger numbers of women employed as servants?  
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### Further Activities

➤ Imagine you have been given a job in one of the new cotton manufactories. Use the pictures of the machinery to help write an account of the work involved in your new job. Use the pictures and information in *Changing Times* to help you.

➤ The Georgian pictures in *Changing Times* were drawn by an archaeological artist. Many illustrate the great changes of the eighteenth century. List the changes shown in the pictures. Write a critical evaluation of each picture commenting on the effectiveness of each in representing change.