

# Soho House Trail

## For Key Stage Two

### MAP

Look at the overlay map of 1805 on today's map of Handsworth.  
Can you think of one difference between how it looked in 1805 and how it looks today?

**1805**

**Today**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

Write down one street name that is still used today:

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### MANUFACTORY

Matthew Boulton had a large and impressive factory or “manufactory” as it was called, and it became a huge tourist attraction!  
Who designed it?

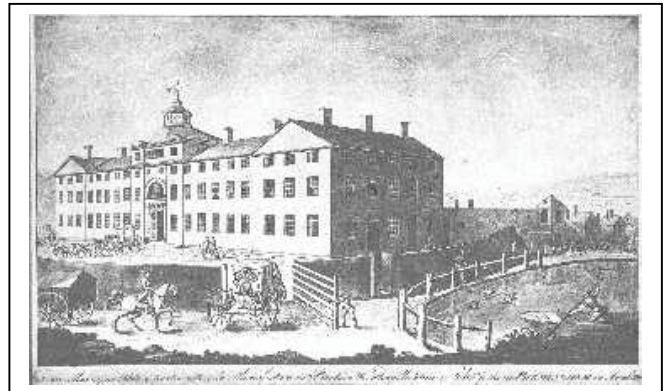
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Who was his business partner at the manufactory? **Tick one of the boxes** ✓

Erasmus Darwin

James Watt

Joseph Priestley



## VISITOR CENTRE

What things did they make at the manufactory?

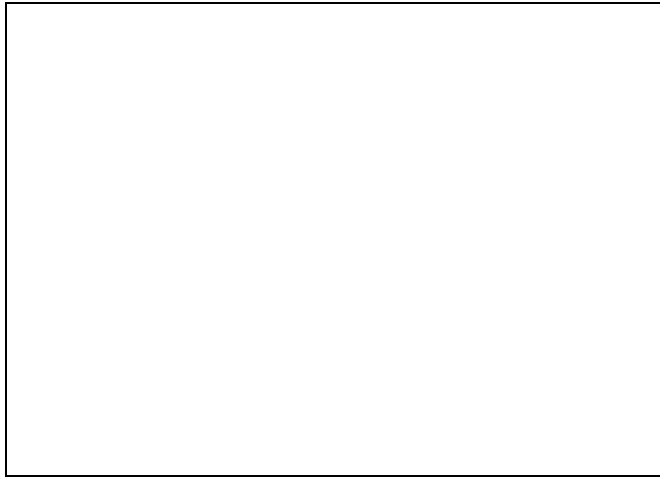
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How many people worked in the manufactory? Was it:

70       700       7000

Look in the display cases which show objects made in the manufactory. Draw and name one of the objects in the box here:



This object is \_\_\_\_\_

Check out the “chatelaines” in the display cases ... what are they and who would have worn them?

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## **LUNAR SOCIETY**

Take a look at the information board ... why did they call themselves the Lunar Society?

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VISITOR CENTRE

Why did they meet at this time? Was it because:

- They liked to be mysterious
- They could study the moon
- They didn't have to return home in darkness

The members were friends who met up to exchange ideas, try out scientific experiments and discuss their inventions. Soho House was one of the main meeting places of the Society.

What was of **major** interest to them? \_\_\_\_\_

Can you list four other interests?

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Who was NOT a member of the Lunar society:

- James Watt
- Josiah Wedgwood
- Thomas Day
- Joseph Priestley
- Charles Darwin
- William Small

Who is this person?

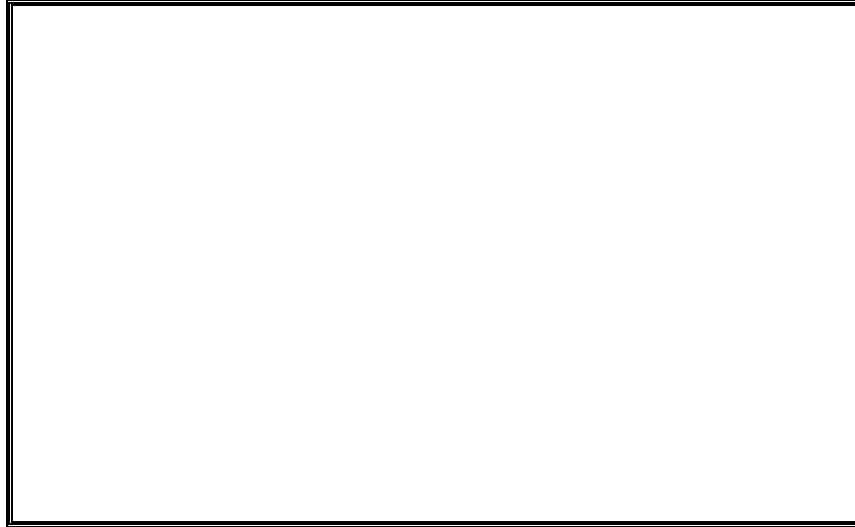
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## VISITOR CENTRE

Can you spot a painting called *An Experiment on a Bird in the Air Pump* by Joseph Wright of Derby? He was famous for his paintings about science.

Take a really good look at the painting and have a go at sketching a small portion of it – the bird or one of the people perhaps!



Joseph Priestley, a member of the Lunar Society, is best known for his work on gases. What did he discover in 1772?

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Name one Lunar Society member who supported the building of a General Hospital in Birmingham:

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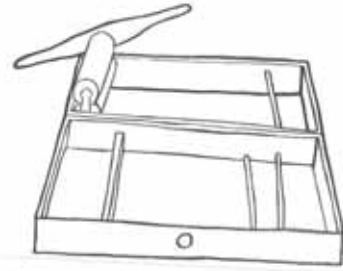
The physician William Withering wrote a very important book about what? Was it:

- Roses
- Foxgloves
- Herbs

What disease is it still used to treat? \_\_\_\_\_

### PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS

In 1780 James Watt invented a **copying machine**. Why was this such an important invention?



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### A NEW SOCIETY

As well as an interest in science, members of the Lunar Society wanted everyone to be treated kindly and with respect – better education, medical care, law and order for instance.

Which members joined the campaign to end **slavery**?

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Josiah Wedgwood produced a coin to publicise the campaign - draw it in the space here:

When was the slave trade abolished? Was it:

1850

1807

1837

### PRACTICAL EDUCATION

The Lunar Society members were very interested in **education** for their daughters as well as their sons. What subjects did they make sure their sons were taught?

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VISITOR CENTRE

Do you think it was usual at that time for girls to receive the same education as boys? \_\_\_\_\_

*Practical Education* was written by who? And what did it help do?

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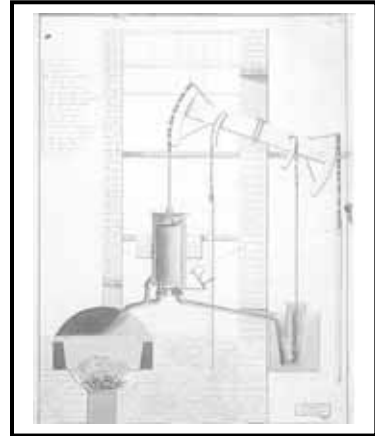
**STEAM ENGINES**

James Watt did not invent the steam engine, he improved on a design by Thomas Newcomen. Name one improvement:

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What year was the Soho Foundry built?

1755       1775       1795



What did Boulton & Watt build there? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

... and how many?      150       450       750

Right ... last questions! Check out the information board relating to the final years of the Lunar Society.

Which member was a target of a violent mob, and why?

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When perhaps did the Lunar Society finally end? \_\_\_\_\_

**Well done for completing the trail – we hope you enjoyed delving into the fascinating world of Matthew Boulton and his associates!**