

Soho House Trail

For Key Stage Two

MAP

Look at the map showing Handsworth in 1805 – then lift it up and you will see what it looks like today.

Can you think of *one* difference between how it looked in 1805 and how it looks today?

1805

Today

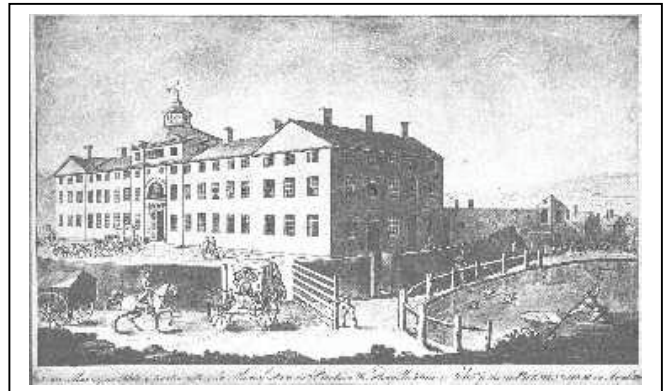
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Write down *one* street name that is still used today:

MANUFACTORY

Matthew Boulton once had a very big factory right by Soho House - here's a drawing of how it looked →

It was known as a “manufactory” – *true or false?*

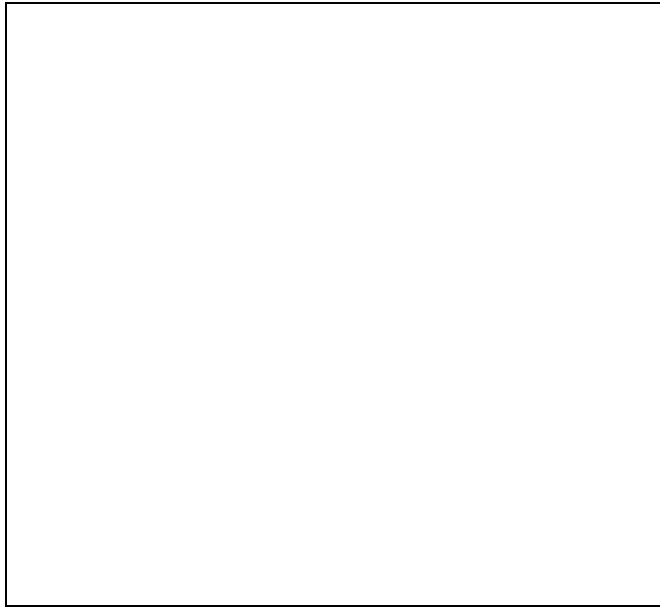


Can you name *one* thing that was made at the manufactory?

VISITOR CENTRE

Did you know ... 700 people worked in the manufactory! That's very impressive isn't it?

Look in the glass cases which show things that were made in the manufactory. Draw and name one of these things in the box!



This is _____

LUNAR SOCIETY

Did you know ... the men who belonged to the Lunar Society always used to meet on the night of a full moon?

Take a look at the information board ...

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

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

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

Science was of major interest to all of them – TRUE or FALSE?

Can you list two other interests?

1 _____

2 _____

Who was NOT a member of the Lunar society: *(tick the box)*

- James Watt
- Thomas Day
- Joseph Priestley
- Albert Einstein

Who is this person? *(tick the box)*

- Erasmus Darwin
- Matthew Boulton
- Josiah Wedgwood

He had a famous grandson called Charles.



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 ...

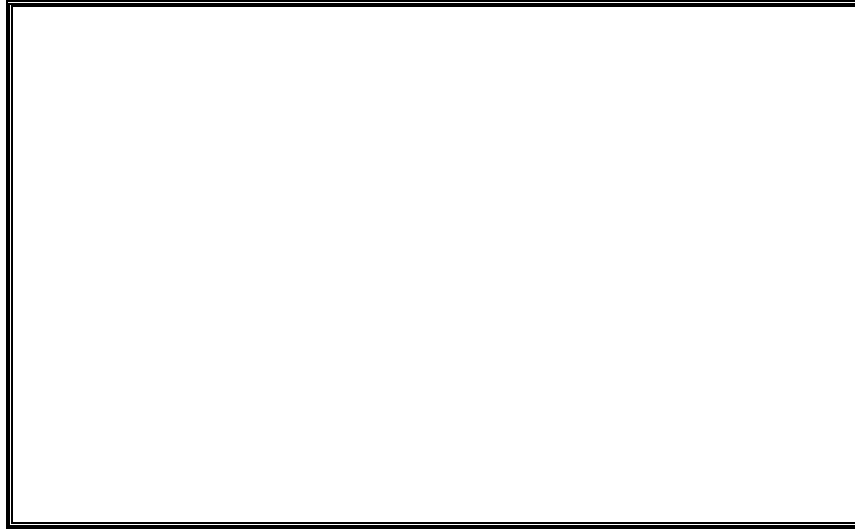
How many children can you see? _____

How many creatures can you see? _____

Do you think it's a happy picture? _____

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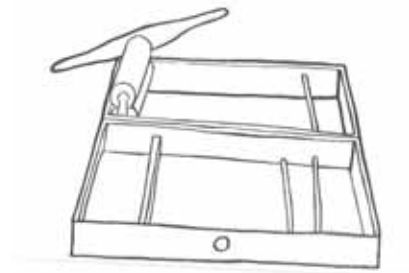
Now have a go at drawing just a small portion of the painting in the box below – one of the grown ups, a child or a creature perhaps!



PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS

In 1780 James Watt invented a **copying machine**. Why was this such an important invention? (*Tick the box*)

- It saved time - people didn't have to write the same thing lots of times
- It saved people buying lots of pens
- It was fun



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.

VISITOR CENTRE

Can you name two members of the Lunar Society who wanted slavery to end?

1) _____ 2) _____

Josiah Wedgwood produced a coin to advertise the fight against slavery - draw it in the space here:

When did the slave trade end? Was it:

(tick the box)

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? *(tick the boxes)*

Science

Art

Maths

History

Languages

Business

Do you think girls studied these same subjects too? *(tick the box)*

Yes

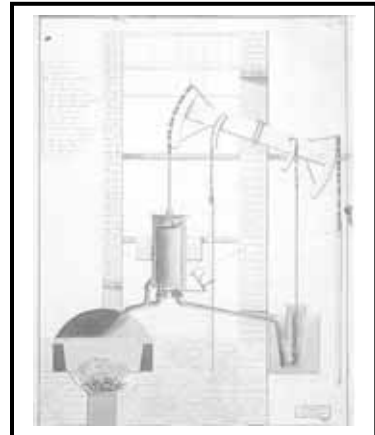
No

Practical Education was an important book, written by Richard Lovell Edgeworth and his daughter Maria. They believed that girls and boys should be educated in the same way.

STEAM ENGINES

James Watt did not invent the steam engine from scratch, but he did make a better version than was already available. He made engines that were cheaper and more efficient.

He worked with Matthew Boulton at Soho – they were business partners, and had a special foundry built.



What year was the Soho Foundry built?

1755 1775 1795

How many steam engines did they build there? *(tick the box)*

150 450 750

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

Which member was a target of a violent mob?

Why was this? *(tick the box)*

He was very rich and they didn't like it?

They didn't agree with his views?

They wanted to be members of the Lunar Society?

When perhaps did the Lunar Society finally end? *(Tick the box)*

1713 1813 1913

Well done for completing the trail – we hope you enjoyed finding out more about the fascinating world of Matthew Boulton and his friends!