

# Year 5 – How has the Liverpool docks helped to shape our city?



Timeline								
1207	1235	1715	1717	1730	1750s	1834	1845	1901
King John gives Liverpool its royal charter.	By this point a castle exists in Liverpool (now the site of Debyry Square)	The world's first commercial wet dock opens.	Three new docks were given permission with changes and extensions made to the original dock.	Liverpool begins its first involvement in slave trade.	First black people settle in Liverpool	First Chinese people settle in Liverpool.	Estimated 1.5 million Irish fled to Liverpool to escape the 'potato famine.'	The city's population increases to nearly 10 times its total in 1801 (from 77,000 to 685,000)

## Historical skills and enquiry

Key Vocabulary	
Trade triangle	Sea trade route of goods and people linking Europe, Africa, West Indies and N. America.
oppression	prolonged cruel or unjust treatment or exercise of authority.
Expansion	To develop, extend and grow.
Growth	The process of increasing in size.
Merchants	A buyer and seller of large quantities of goods for profit.
docks	an enclosed area of water in a port for the loading, unloading, and repair of ships.
industry	economic activity concerned with the processing of raw materials and manufacture of goods in factories.
migration	The movement of people from one place to another with the intention of settling.
migrants	a person who moves from one place to another, especially in order to find work or better living conditions.
Historical maps	Something handed down from the past.

- Describe and explain the causes and effects of Liverpool's growth as a city.
- Use sources source to describe and explain the ways Liverpool expanded and developed.
- Explain how Britain also changed with the growth of Liverpool as a port.
- Describe how Britain changed over time from the 1700s to 1900s and its effect on Liverpool's expansion.
- Compare maps and illustrations of Liverpool at different point on its timeline as a city.
- Describe the different accounts of the slave trade/ trade triangle.
- To interpret evidence and understand different viewpoints.



## Key information

- Liverpool became recognised as a settlement in 1207.
- For several hundred years, Liverpool was used as a port to transport men and supplies for the king to control Ireland.
- With the growth of English colonies in North America and the emerging Industrial Revolution, Liverpool began expanding rapidly becoming the fastest growing city in the world.
- By the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, Liverpool was the largest port outside of London.
- Although starting after Bristol and London, Liverpool eventually became the most profitable slave trading port, making as much money as all the other slave trading ports combined.

## Did you know?

By the early 19<sup>th</sup> century around 40% of the world's trade passed through Liverpool's docks.