

Lesson Plan KS2



HISTORY - Great Victorians!

Lesson Objective: To put Henry Willis in historical context and to understand his family's significance and his legacy today.

Starter	Main Teaching	Resources
Remind the children of their visit to see and hear the 'Father' Willis Organ in MSG Church. What historical events and people have enabled us to have this special 'King of Instruments' in our town? Why was it built? How did it get here?	<u>Activity 1 - When was the Victorian Age?</u> Share and discuss the 'Pipe organs have a long history' Resource Sheet 1. Make a simple time line for the classroom, putting the Victorian Age in context with other dates which the children suggest. <u>Activity 2 - The rise to fame of 'Father' Henry Willis</u> Share and discuss 'Henry Willis: a great Victorian' Resource Sheet 2. What caused Henry Willis to become famous? Describe the effects this would have had on society, music and musicians? <u>Activity 3 - What else was happening?</u> Who were also famous people from the Victorian Age? (e.g. Queen Victoria, The Earl of Shaftesbury, Isambard Kingdom Brunel, Henry Bessemer) What made them famous and how have their works helped us today? <u>Activity 4 - How are we benefitting in the 21st Century?</u> Expand the time line to include the building of the organ in 1882 and its subsequent changes and final move to Stony Stratford in 1967. Research and add other major events to put this into context e.g. The railway coming to Wolverton and the building of the embankment, the Grand Union Canal, education in Stony Stratford.	History Resource 1 Pipe organs have a long history' information sheet. History Resource 2 'Henry Willis: a great Victorian' information sheet.