

History

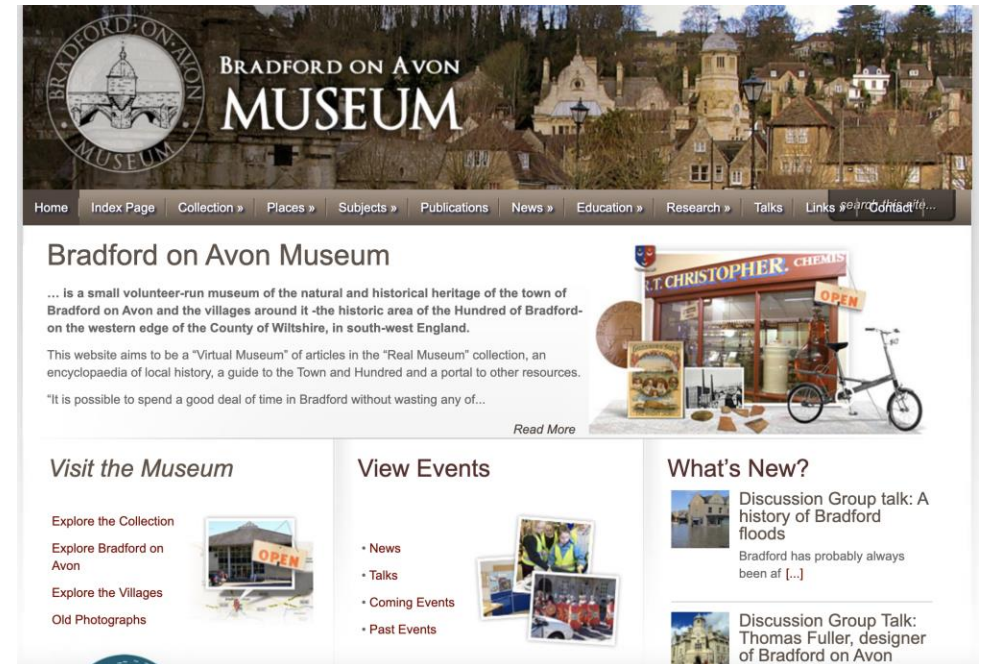
In history, we have been studying Bradford on Avon and its changes over time.

It is now your turn to choose a landmark, industry or significant person from BoA to **research**, to help you write your essay for our exhibition being displayed in the library.

You can record your notes in any way you like, e.g. bullet points, mind maps etc. Also, remember to write it in your own words, ready to help you when starting the essay next week.

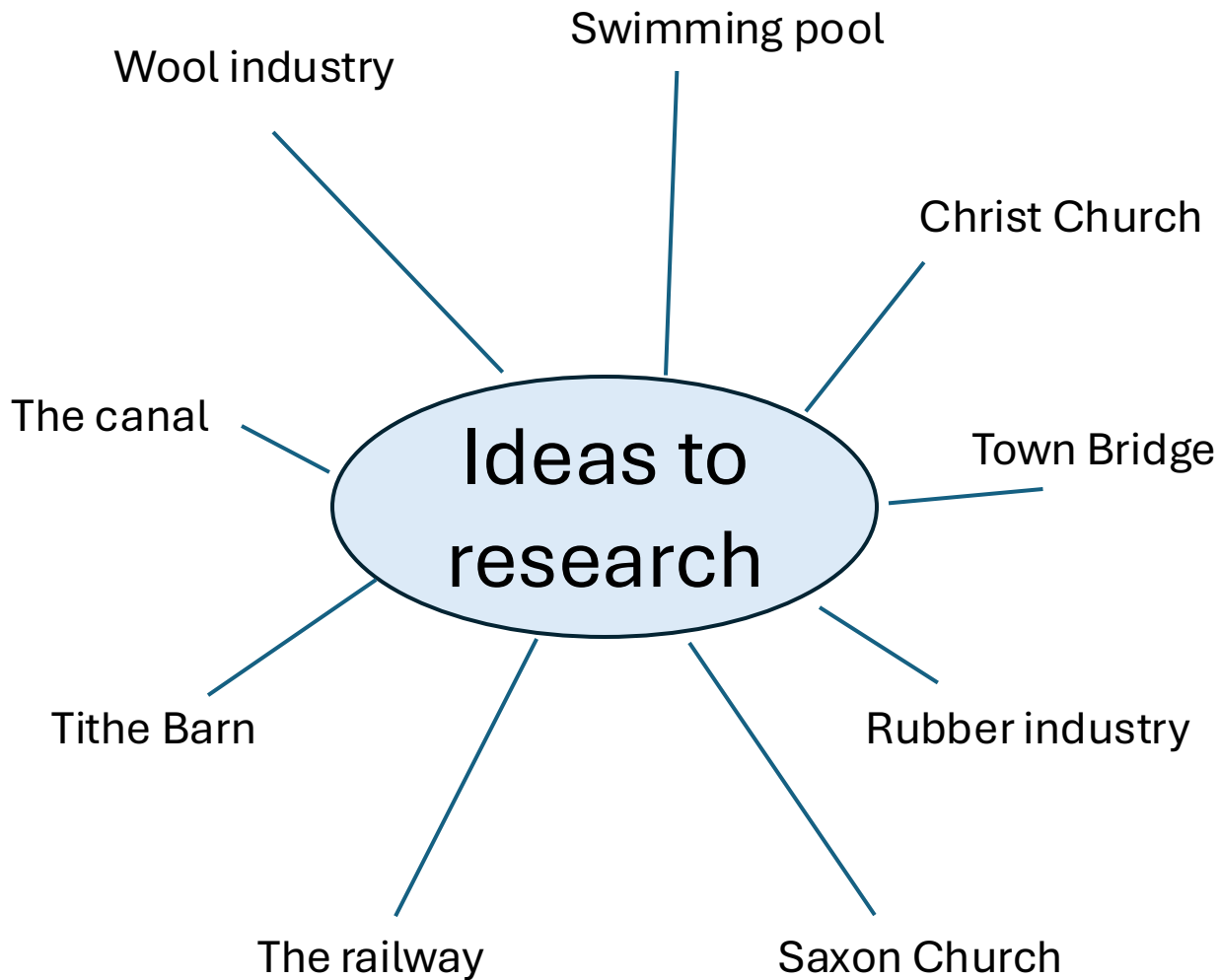
Bring your research to school this week, ready to use in next week's history lesson.

Use the website below as a starting point:



<https://www.bradfordonavonmuseum.co.uk/>

An example essay:



LO: Write a historical enquiry

How has Christ Church School changed since it opened?

Christ Church Primary School has changed a lot since it opened. From its location and the way its pupils are treated, to its uniform and the equipment that is used, it's almost an entirely different place now. I am interested in the history of my school because it is interesting to know what schools were like back in the day. Read on to find out more about our amazing school and what it is today!

One thing about Christ Church that has changed significantly since it opened is the school site. When the school opened in 1847, it was located in grey-brick buildings on Mount Pleasant, next to the church which gives the school its name. There was only one school room and only one teacher for over 100 children that attended the school. By contrast, today Christ Church school is spread out over 6 buildings. As you can see, the location of Christ Church has changed considerably over the school's history.

Another aspect of Christ Church that has undergone major changes is the experience of the children that attend the school. Victorian schools are well-known for their brutal punishments such as the cane and whippings; present-day Christ Church, however, is a happy and peaceful environment where the worst imaginable punishment is having to miss a few minutes of your breaktime! The subjects that children studied were not all that different to today's subjects, but there was much more focus on arithmetic and handwriting. It is clear to see that much has changed for the pupils at the school since its opening.

Finally, there have been considerable changes in attitudes towards education since the school opened. Christ Church (like many church schools in the Victorian period) was opened in order to provide the poorest children with an education. Despite this, many parents still chose to keep their children away from school because they could earn money working in the fields or factories. Later in the Victorian period, education became compulsory and parents reluctantly sent their children to school – receiving severe warnings if their child did not attend. Today, though, education is considered a right and a privilege and families do their best to ensure that children can attend school every day. Attitudes to education have certainly changed greatly in the last 150 years.

Having considered these points, it is clear that much has changed about Christ Church since it was founded in 1847. The location of the school is very different, children have a much more positive experience at school, and children's and parents' attitudes towards education are much more positive. Personally, I am glad to be a pupil of Christ Church in the present-day and not a Victorian school pupil!