

Key knowledge:

A group of six men, now named The Tolpuddle Martyrs, lived in Tolpuddle, a village near Dorchester. When they were alive at the beginning of the 19th Century, land was owned by a small number of rich people and any common land where local villagers had grown vegetables or kept pigs was taken away. Villagers needed to work on this land in order to feed themselves and their families, but the rich landowners decided how much to pay them which was only enough to buy one loaf of bread a week. There was no money left for candles, soap, wood or rent. The wages then went down even more and people began to starve. The rural poor suffered greatly.

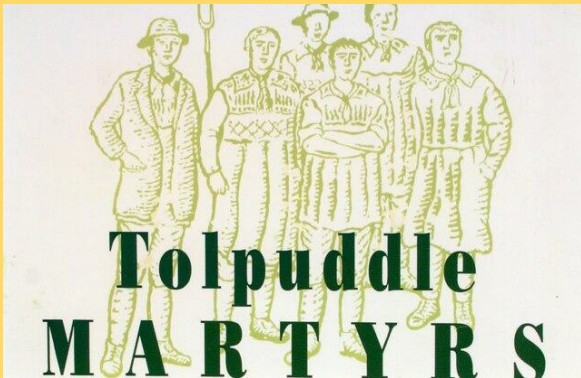
These six men decided to work together to talk to their landowner. Frampton had them arrested and lowered the wage even further for his labourers.

At the Shire Hall court in Dorchester in March 1834, the six men were found guilty of having had secret meetings and were sent away on a prison ship to work on the chain gangs.

They were pardoned in 1836 and trade unions started, to protect people.

Year 1 Summer Term
History

The Tolpuddle Martyrs



There are significant people who are remembered in history as they made a difference to the way I live today. For example, Marie Curie, Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks. The Tolpuddle Martyrs were six men, who lived locally to you who made a difference to people being protected from very low pay.

Key concepts:

Empathy: Is it good to stand up for what you believe in? Have you done this? Think about links to the Virtue Fortitude.

Chronology: to plot the event on a timeline.

Similarity and difference: Then and now.

Sources: I can talk about the past using sources as evidence.

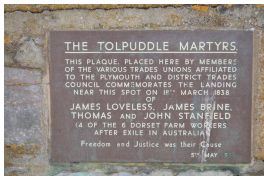
Changes: Land was taken away from the villagers and became owned by a small number of landowners.

Key skills:

To use sources to find out about the past.

To plot the significant event on a timeline.

To understand that there are significant events locally, nationally and internationally.



Key vocabulary:

long ago, past, local, national, internationally, global, parliament, protest, rebellion, union, court, punishment, wages, primary sources, secondary sources, local history, national history, statue, remember, celebrate, labourer, land owner, rural, urban, factories, cities, countryside, chain gangs

Timeline:

1834 - The Tolpuddle Martyrs were arrested→1837 the men were released and came home→1867 unions were created to support workers →2021 unions are still supporting workers.

Historian sources

Historians learn about the past using different sources. Some of these are primary sources and others are secondary sources. Primary sources are those that were created by someone who experienced the event firsthand or an object that was from the period. Secondary sources are about Primary sources.

What I have been taught already:

There are links between the past and the present.

There are different sources to find out about the past.

There are some things that stay the same throughout history.



