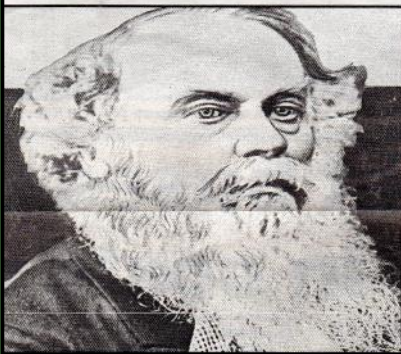




**Saltaire Stories**  
Past, Present and Future

# Titus the tyrant or Salt of the earth?



**SIR TITUS  
SALT:**  
'Believed he  
should use  
the power  
and wealth  
God had  
given him to  
intervene in  
public  
affairs!'

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### Context

There are several different opinions on what kind of man Sir Titus Salt was. Was he a pure capitalist, concerned with maximising profits? A powerful employer who feared opposition from his workers? A caring man who wanted to provide for his employees? Or a mix of all of these?

Sir Titus didn't give many speeches during his life. By all accounts, he didn't enjoy speaking and people didn't enjoy listening to him! This means there are very few written records of his own thoughts on why he built Saltaire. If we want to understand what kind of man he was, we must rely on what others have written about him and physical things he left behind.

#### You will need:

Transcript of Salt's speech ([PCM01](#))

Saltaire Heritage Trail ([PCM02](#) and [context](#))

Rules for Almshouses ([PCM03](#))

Rules for Hands in Salts Mill ([PCM04](#))

### Lesson Idea:

This pack contains several sources, primary and secondary, of information on Titus Salt and Saltaire. Some are reliable, others less so. Provide students with these sources and challenge them to answer the question 'Why did Sir Titus build Saltaire?'. To give any definitive answer, they will need to decide which sources of information to trust and which to disregard.

Each source comes with a brief introduction to help with this, detailing where the source comes from, whether it is primary or secondary and who it is written by.

### Further Study:

Compare Salt to other contemporary mill and factory owners.