



Saltaire Stories
Past, Present and Future



Research Skills

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Context:

Milner Field was the grand manor house built by Titus Salt Jnr. (son of Saltaire's founder) in 1869. After a string of tragedies for the families living there, the house was abandoned and never sold again. Today, there are only a few pieces of overgrown rubble on the site.

You will need:

[Milner Field Research Questions](#)

Milner Field Resource Pack (email: salttairstories@gmail.com)

This activity invites children to investigate what happened to this one-time landmark of Saltaire's landscape and why.

Lesson Idea:

Provide the class with the resource pack for Milner Field and the key research questions. Remind them that, like any historian, they might develop their own questions during their research.

In groups, have children work their way through the resource pack to identify sources that might help answer their questions and to discard ones that are irrelevant.

Further Study:

This lesson could be followed by our **Curse of Milner Field** lesson, exploring the creation of atmospheric settings through writing.

Further Reading:

den Daele, R. L. and Beale, R. D. Milner Field: The Lost Country House of Titus Salt Jnr. 2015, ISBN: 0956938000, 9780956938008