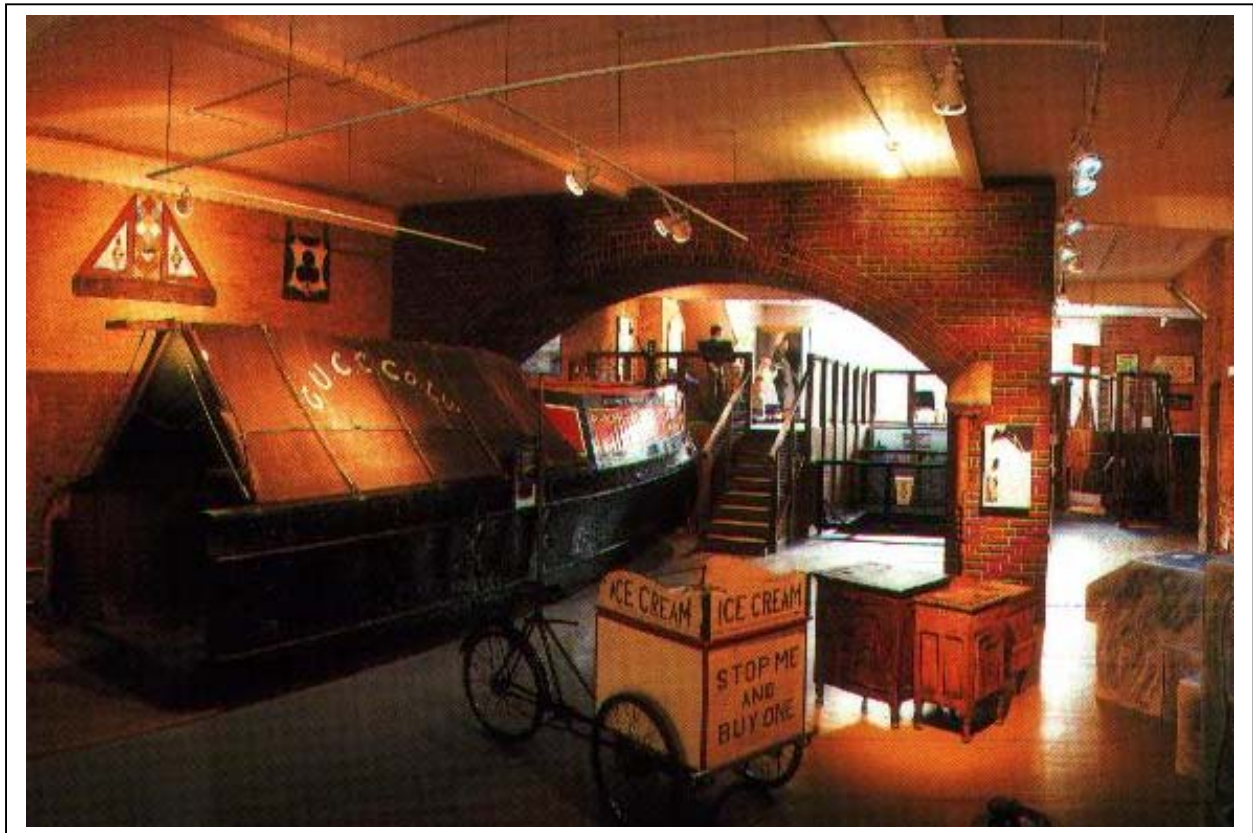


# The London Canal Museum KS3 History Activities



This pack includes  
Activity sheets  
Teacher notes



★ Activity 1. Early transport by Water.



Problem	Solution	Example
When a boat comes to shallow water or rapids it will come aground.		

★ Activity 2. The Canal Age begins. What problems had to be overcome?

The Duke of Bridgewater had a canal built 1759-61 from his coal mines at Worsley to supply the factories of Manchester 10 miles away. There were many problems to overcome.

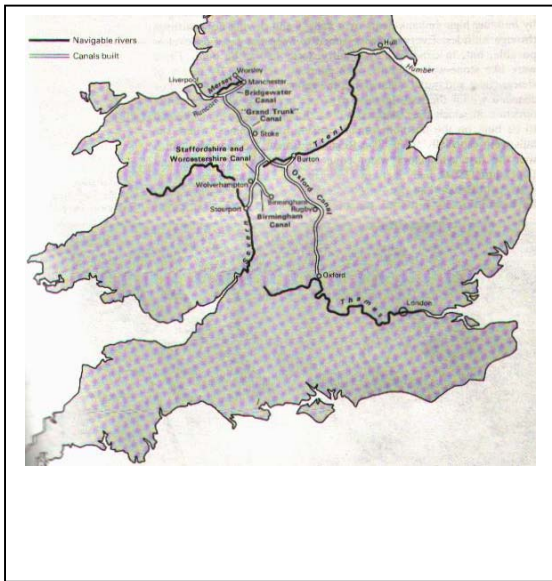
Problems	How this problem was overcome
1 Crossing the River Irwell	
2 Uneven land	
3 Digging the canal itself	
4 Keeping water in the canal	
5 Building canals that go straight	
6 Supplying water	
7 Keeping costs down	

★ Activity 3. A transport network. How did the canal system develop?



1760

By 1760 the following rivers had been made navigable;



1790

By 1790  
What was the Grand Cross?

Label the following canals

- 1 Bridgewater
- 2 Trent and Mersey
- 3 Staffs and Worcester
- 4 Coventry and Oxford
- 5 Birmingham
- 6 Birmingham and Fazely
- 7 Stroudwater Thames and Severn



1835

By 1835  
Canal Mania

Better Links

★ Activity 4. Life aboard a narrowboat: What was it really like?



Look around the narrowboat Coronis and try and find evidence to answer the following questions.

	Evidence of what it was like to live and work on the narrowboat Coronis?
1 Sleeping	
2 Sitting	
3 Cooking	
4 Storing food/clothes	
5 Table	
6 Fresh water	
7 Storing cargo/goods	
8 Protecting the cargo/goods from bad weather	
9 Carrying cargo/goods	

★ Activity 5. Canal life and living aboard. How did canal families live?



	Evidence of what life was like on the canals
1 Working conditions	
2 Living conditions	
3 Looking after horses	
4 Tying knots	
5 Dress	

★ Activity 6. Battlebridge Basin. How do we know it has changed?



From the back of the museum you have a view into Battlebridge Basin, which was built in 1822. There are three pieces of evidence you are going to use in this activity in order to find out how Battlebridge Basin has changed through time.

Evidence	Key features
1 The Map of 1871	1 2 3
2 The photograph of 1969	1 2 3
3 The view today	1 2 3

Ways in which Battlebridge Basin has changed since 1871.	Ways in which Battlebridge Basin has stayed the same since 1871.
1	1
2	2
3	3

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★ Activity 7. What can we learn from posters and notices?

Examples of posters	What we can learn from posters and notices
1 Regents Canal and Dock Company	1 2
2 Port of London authority, Surrey Canal	1 2
3 Regents Canal Dock	1 2

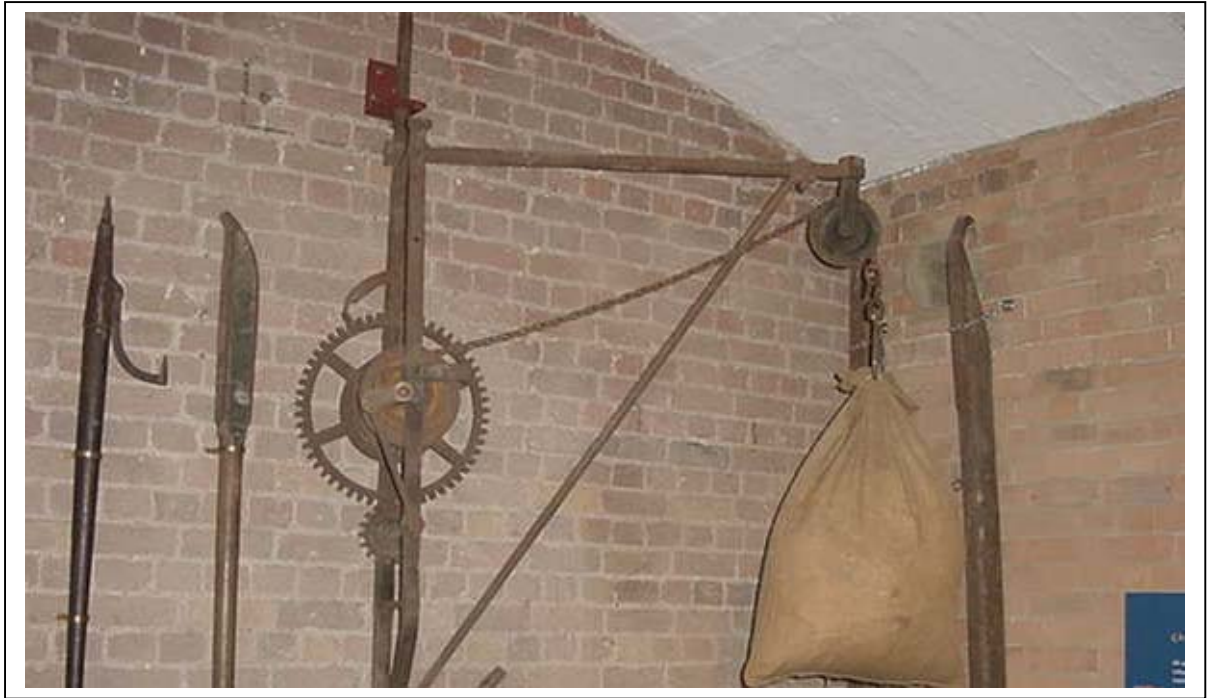
★ Activity 8. The fall and rise of the canals since the 1850's  
The fall

	How this factor led to a decline of the canals
1 Railways	
2 Roads	
3 The great freeze of 1963.	

The rise

	The formation of the Inland Waterways Association
1 Aims	
2 Campaigns	
3 Re-opening of canals	
4 Volunteer workers	

★ Activity 9. Cargo handling. How did you get the goods on and off the canal boat?



What evidence can you find of the way in which different goods were lifted on and off the boats?

	What this was used for?
1 Weighing machines	
2 Wall crane	
3 Sack barrow	
4 Sack hook	
5 Cant pot	
6 Barrel lever	
7 Barrel ramp	
8 Crab winch	



★ **Activity 10. Carlo Gatti and the ice trade. Who was he and what did he do?**



Listen to the interactive resource, which summarises the life of Mr Carlo Gatti, whose business was based in what is now the London Canal Museum. Answer the questions

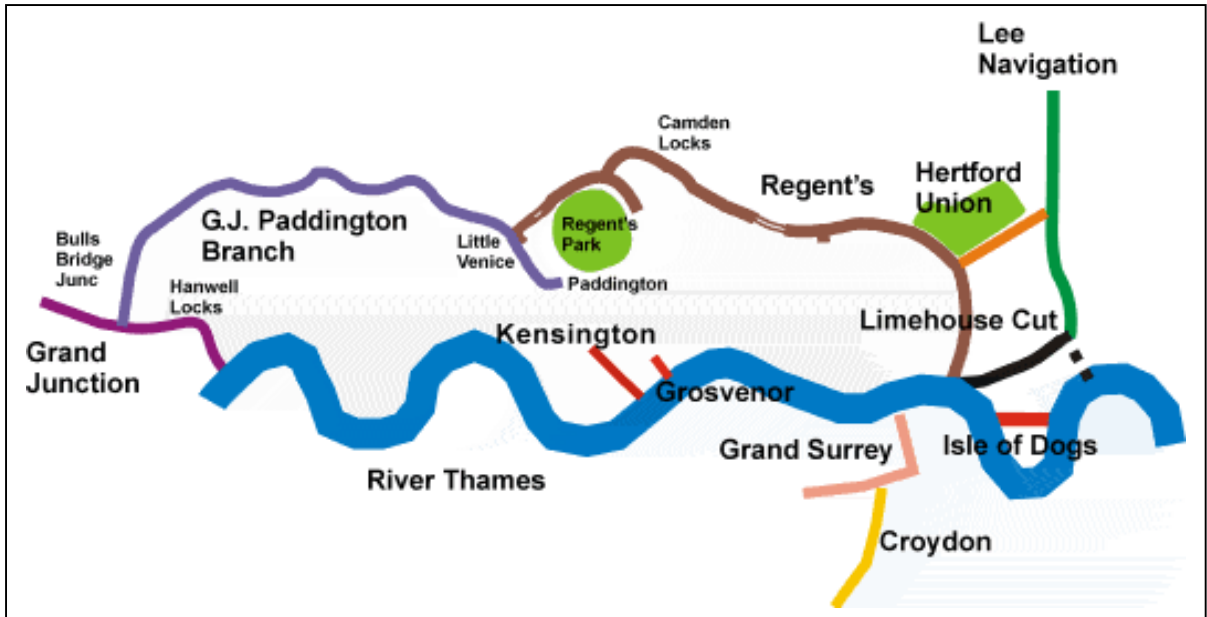
	<b>The life of Carlo Gatti</b>
1 Where did you come from?	
2 Why did you come to London?	
3 What did you do when you first came to London?	
4 When did you start to become successful?	
5 When did you start selling ice cream?	
6 Are there many uses for ice?	
7 Where did you get your ice from?	
8 How was the ice gathered?	
9 How did you stop your ice melting?	
10 Where was the ice unloaded?	
11 Does anybody else buy your ice?	
12 Do you think ice cream will always be popular?	

★ Activity 11. Life on the canals. How did the canals help the economy?



	Evidence of the importance of canals to the economy
1 Boats	1 2
2 Cargo	1 2
3 Coal	1 2
4 Muscles and steam	1 2
5 Canal houses	1 2
6 The stables	1 2
7 Canal people	1 2
8 Film Barging through London 1924	1 2

★ Activity 12. Regent's Canal. How did the Regent's Canal develop?



	Evidence on the development of the Regent's Canal.
The coming of the canal	1 2
Building the canal	1 2
Early years of the canal	1 2
How the canal worked	1 2
Later years of the canal	1 2
The Regent's Canal today	1 2