

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January

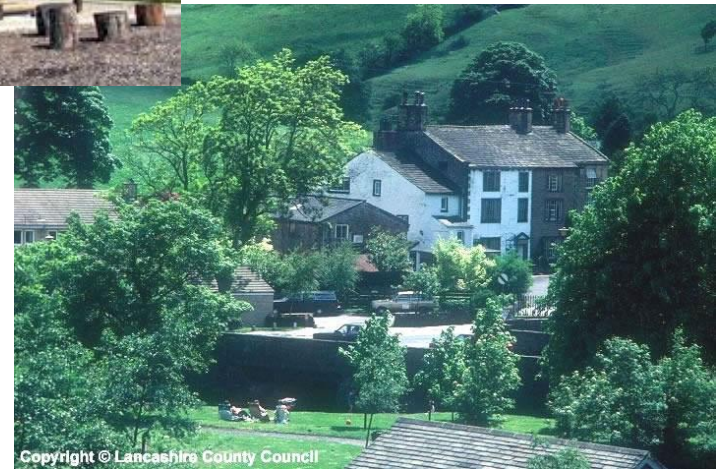
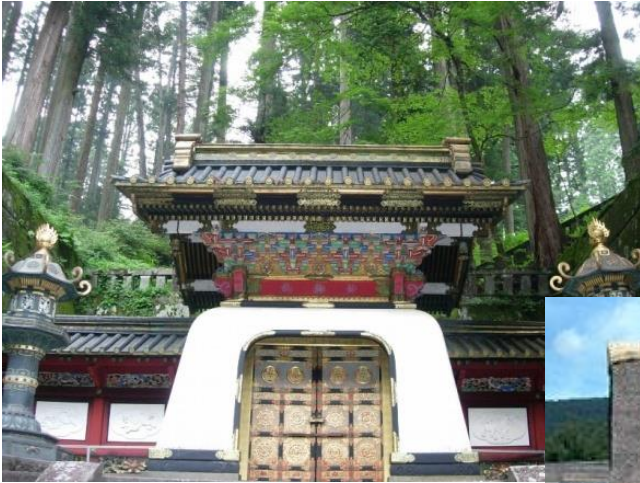
LC – Can I decide where best to build a city?

In this lesson, you will be learning about what early settlers may have looked for in a building site when considering where to build a settlement.

- You will also learn about the advantages (good site factors) and disadvantages (bad site factors) of different types of sites

- STARTER

# CAN YOU THINK ABOUT WHAT ALL THESE PHOTOS HAVE IN COMMON? THINK...WHO MIGHT USE THESE PLACES?



They are all places where people live (settlements)

- **ACTIVITY 1-** look at the next 2 slides and complete the first part of the Microsoft word file.

Look at this slide first. Then, answer the questions on the next slide.  
Use Sheet 1 Microsoft worksheet to answer questions

You are an early settler before the times of nice homes with running water and heating.

What natural factors would influence where you would build your settlement?

### Thinking questions!

**There is no running water, bricks, internet, electricity etc.**

- Where are you going to get water from?
- Where are you going to get heat for cooking and keeping warm?
- Where are you going to get building materials?
- What does the land need to be like to build on?
- How are you going to get food?

### Key words

- Early settler- someone who created the first places where people live.
- Natural- Things that are not man made e.g. trees
- Settlement- a place where people live e.g. town, city, village.
- Forests (trees) for fire wood

# Which factors would you consider from here while choosing where to build your settlement??

The site is the actual place where a settlement such as a village or town grew up.



## Building materials

Needed wood or stone. Useful to be near a wood or rocky hill side.



## Water

Needed for drinking, cooking and washing. Too much can cause flooding.



## Shelter

A south facing slope will have more sun and protection from the wind. Trees can also provide protection



## Wood

Need for fires to keep warm and to cook on.



## Protection

Good views from the hill top give you warning if you are about to be attacked.



## Rivers

Easy to cross either on foot or by a bridge.



## Flat land

Easier to build on, grow crops and travel to other towns.

- Stop and complete activity 1
- **ACTIVITY 1- USE SHEET 1 FOR ACTIVITY 1**

- Now, move on to activity 2 slides and sheet.

- First, look at the slides.
- Then complete ACTIVITY 2- USE SHEET 2 FOR ACTIVITY 2.

# Activity 2

Imagine you are an early settler (e.g. Roman) and are looking for a place to live.

- 1. Look at the images on the next few screens and write down the natural advantages (good site factors and disadvantages (bad site factors).**
- 2. Can you now decide and explain which site you would choose?**
- 3. Use Sheet 2 for activity 2.**

## Key words

Fertile- soil with good food in for plants

Grazing- Animals eating grass

Early settler- Someone who started the first places to live.

A - Most of the land here is flat with the hills behind. A small river runs through the land. The land is great for grazing cattle but the soil is not very fertile.



Rocky hillside

River possibly runs through hills

Hard ground

Some flat land

**B** The land is very flat. There is a river next to the land. The land has very good soil. There are hills not too far away.

River

Flat land



Rich soil

Hilltop (not south facing)

C The land is here is very hilly and the ground is hard. There are lots of areas of trees and a large lake which receives fresh water from the mountains.

South facing



Mountains

Areas of forest

Poor soil

Lake

Area of forest

D The land is very flat. The area is very open and there is only a small area of forest.



Good fertile soil

Flat land