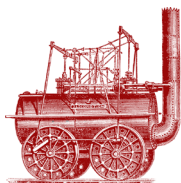




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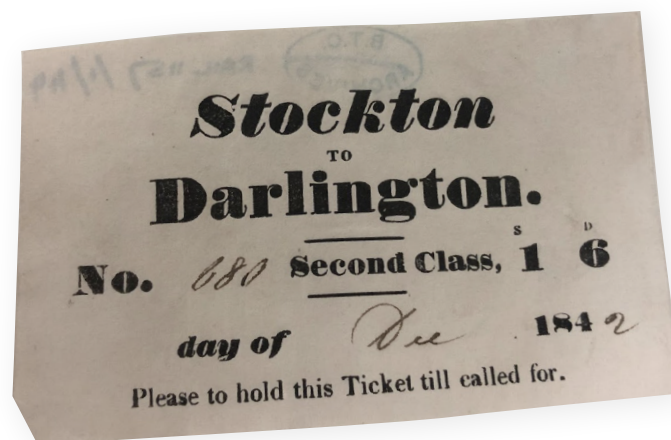
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Imagine going on a journey in the 19th century, nearly 200 years ago. Before the railway, most people didn't travel very much. If they did need to go a long distance, they used horses or boats - cars hadn't been invented yet! In 1825, the first locomotive powered public railway anywhere in the world was opened in the north east of England.

To travel by train, first you would need to buy a ticket.

Where would you buy a ticket from?
Where could you buy a ticket from for a journey today?



Take a look at this ticket that was used on the Stockton and Darlington Railway in 1842. We can use pictures and documents like these to help us find out about the past. How much did it cost? The money used was different to today's money. They used shillings (s) and pence (d).





On this ticket you will notice that some of the date has been filled in by hand.

**Which month and year was this ticket for?
Why do you think tickets are no longer filled in by hand?**

Find on the ticket where it says 'Second Class'. This told people whereabouts on the train they were allowed to sit. First class was the most expensive and also the most comfortable. Third class was the cheapest and the least comfortable. Many trains today still have 'first class' seating and 'standard class' seating.

Fill in your own ticket with a number and a date. You would have paid one shilling and sixpence to get a ticket for the journey from Stockton to Darlington in the 1840s. An inspector would check the tickets. You might be able to use chairs or other furniture to represent train carriages as you imagine going on a journey in the past.

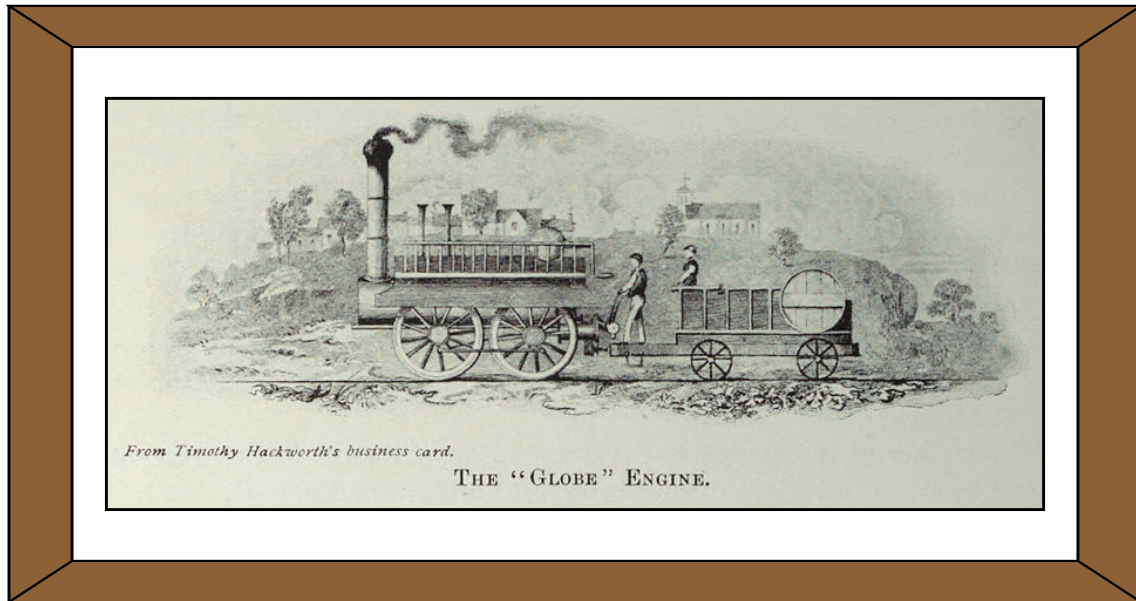


You see the train in the distance. What is pulling the train? (a steam locomotive). Is this different to today's trains? (pulled by diesel locomotive or electric locomotive powered by overhead lines or electric rails - show photo or video of contemporary train). When the train arrives, imagine what you can see, hear and smell (smoke, steam, whistle, chugging of train as it slows down, squeal of brakes, people climbing aboard, driver and guard at work).



This carriage was built for the Stockton and Darlington Railway in 1846. ²

The train sets off. What can you see out of the railway carriage? (Use Google Earth Tour to see the route the train travelled). On the early railways there were no facilities on board and no heating. The ride would have been very bumpy!



The Globe, built by Timothy Hackworth especially for pulling passenger trains in 1829.³

Railways like the Stockton and Darlington allowed people to travel further, more quickly and more often than ever before. It meant that towns grew much bigger as people came to work on the railway or moved to new areas to find work. People from different places could meet each other more easily, and it was easier, cheaper and quicker to move fresh food and other goods between places. Railways soon spread all over the country and all over the world. Now it is easy to travel to many places by train.

What do you think were the similarities and differences travelling by train in the past compared to today?

Write or draw your ideas.

1. The National Archives, Sheets of Tickets Stockton to Darlington, RAIL 1157/1 Collection of items used by W.W. Tomlinson for compiling and illustrating "The North Eastern Railway; Its Rise and Development", p. 44.
2. On display at Locomotion Railway Museum Shildon.
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