

York Castle Museum

KIRKGATE

Key Question: What was life like for people living in York at the turn of the century?

We are learning to:		What I am looking for:	
Describe what houses in the York slums were like		The worksheet to be full of interesting details that you have seen on Kirkgate	
Imagine how people in the slums felt about their lives		The use of adjectives to describe people's surroundings and their feelings	
Compare life in the slums with life in the city centre		Find similarities and differences between life in the slums and the city centre	

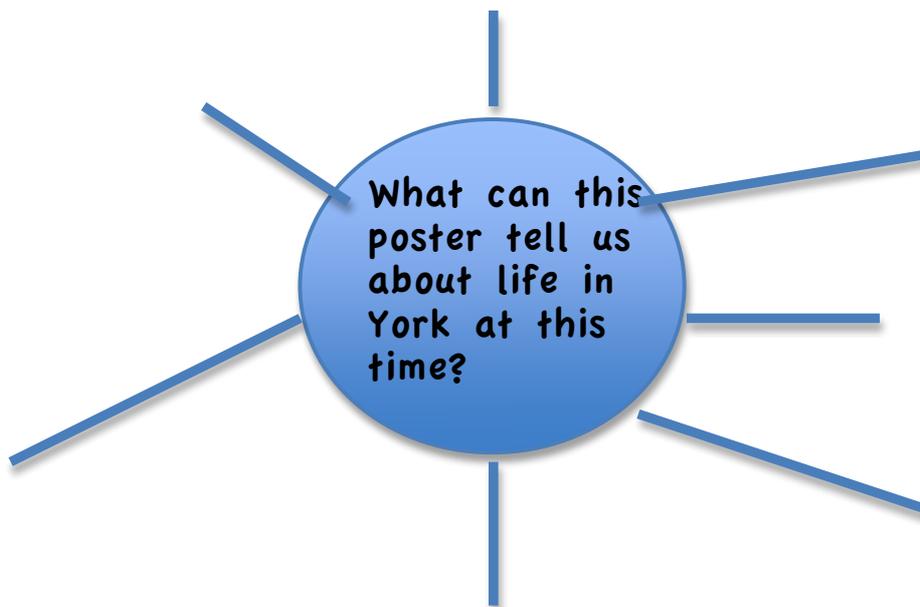
Fill in the table with what you can sense at the entrance to Kirkgate.

<i>Sense</i>	<i>What you notice</i>
Touch	
Taste	
Hearing	
Seeing	
Smell	

STAGE 1: THE SLUMS

1. What do you first notice about the street?

2. Look at the posters on the walls. Pick one poster and complete the spider diagram below. Think about who might have made the poster, and who might have seen it, for clues.



3. Look inside the house to your left. Imagine who might have lived in the house. Sketch a picture of your imaginary person inside their house (perhaps they could be eating at the table, washing, or going to bed). Make sure to include the furniture!



4. Now label your drawing. Use describing words (adjectives) like 'small' 'dark' 'dingy' 'uncomfortable'.

5. Pick one adjective to describe how the person living in this house might feel and write it here:

STAGE 2: THE CENTRE OF YORK

1. Go to the shop that you have been given by your teacher. Work in your group of 5 to finish off the bullet points.

	Kendrick's Toy Dealers	Terry's sweet shop
Ask the person working in the shop how much an item costs, and write it here.		
Choose an item you can see in the shop. What does it tell you about the sort of person that might buy it?		
Who do you think might have shopped here?		

2. Now pair up with someone that investigated the shop you didn't go to. Help each other to fill in the blanks.

3. Go into the Working Men's Club where you can watch a video about real-life citizens of York who would have lived near Kirkgate. Fill out the short factfile here:

Name: _____

Job: _____

Details about family:

Political views: _____

Most interesting fact you found out about them:

STAGE 3: SOCIAL CARE IN YORK

1. Where is the pharmacy in relation to both the centre of York and the slums?

2. What does this tell you about who the pharmacist's customers were?

3. Why do you think this is?

4. Discuss in pairs.

Can you see any other places on Kirkgate that poor people might have gone to get help if they needed it?
If not, why do you think this is?

SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE SLUMS AND THE CENTRE OF YORK

Use the group discussion to help you fill in this table.

	Slums	Centre of York
Outside of buildings		
Inside of buildings		
How clean are the streets?		
How much space is there?		
How much money do you think the people living there have?		
Where could people living there go for help if they were in trouble?		
Other observations		