

Keyword	Definition
Wigan	A town in Greater Manchester, historically known for coal mining and wool production during the Industrial Revolution.
Roman	Roman: Ancient civilisation that once ruled Britain; their settlement, Coccium, lies where Wigan is now.
Coccium	An ancient Roman settlement located in Wigan, known for its archaeological significance.
Archaeology	The study of past human societies through the analysis of artifacts, structures, and other remains.
Lancashire	A county in north-western England, once a centre of the UK's cotton industry. It played a vital role during the Industrial Revolution.
Mabel 'Mab' Bradshaigh	Historical figure associated with Wigan. Heiress of Haigh and Blackrod in the 13 th and 14 th Century.
English Civil war	17th-century conflict; Wigan supported the king but faced battles.
Thomas Tyldesley	Royalist commander during the English Civil War. Died at the Battle of Wigan Lane.
Colliery	A coal mine or a place where coal is extracted. By 1863 there were 48 colliery companies operating in Wigan producing nearly 4 million tons of coal each year and employing over 11,000 men.
Pit Brow Lasses	Female workers who worked at coal mines in Wigan during the 19th century. They performed tasks like sorting coal and were part of the local mining community.
Industrial Revolution	Transformation from agrarian to industrial economy; Wigan saw growth during this period.
Manchester-Liverpool railway	Opened in 1830, It connected the Lancashire towns of Liverpool and Manchester, playing a crucial role in transporting raw materials, finished goods, and passengers. From 1848 Wigan was connected to Manchester and Liverpool by railway.
First world war	Global conflict (1914–1918); Wigan contributed soldiers and experienced societal changes.
George Orwell	A renowned British writer and essayist, famous for works like "1984" and "Animal Farm." Orwell visited Wigan and wrote 'The Road to Wigan Pier'.
Geography	The study of Earth's physical features, climate, and human interaction with the environment.